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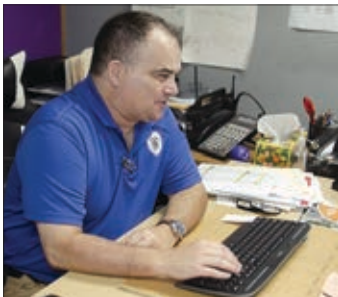
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A sticky situation: Paving fails to bond to two roads

By PHYLLIS ZORN
Staff writer

Problems with Remington Rd. are causing no shortage of headaches for drivers, county authorities, and road and bridge employees.

A blade patch recently applied to the road from US-56 to Pilsen is not sticking to a micro surface applied about a year ago.

What the patching material is sticking to is tires of cars that drive over it.

The road has become uneven and dangerous for anyone driving too fast.

Patching material also has blackened US-56 and K-256, where drivers continue from the north.

“It’s horrible,” bus driver and property owner Dina Vogel said. “The question I have is — they did the same thing on the Goessel Rd. Why did they keep doing it? Why are they wasting money?”

Vogel said the road was “rough as hell” — so rough, it was dangerous.

“There’s probably going to be a wreck on it. People speed on it, and there’s going to be an accident. I told my son, who is 16, not to take it.

“We have to take it. We have a couple farms on that road, so we have to use it.”

Vogel suspects county employees who patched the road didn’t have the proper skills.

“We have some good road graders,

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STAFF PHOTO BY PHYLLIS ZORN
A blade patch surface on Remington Rd. shows grooves and bumps where the surface did not stick to the road’s undercoating.

Deputy runs over dead body at wreck

By PHYLLIS ZORN
Staff writer

A Marion County sheriff’s deputy ran over a body at an accident July 12 on US-77, and has left the county’s employ.

However, Caleb Tomlinson’s departure from the sheriff’s department was “because of other issues,” Undersheriff Larry Starkey said Tuesday.

“There were other things that factored into it,” Starkey said. “He just wasn’t working out for us.”

Starkey said Tomlinson didn’t make any secret about running over the body.

“We knew about it as soon as it happened,” he said. “He didn’t try to hide anything.”

Starkey said he could understand how it could have happened, and that he was sure the motorcycle rider was already dead when Tomlinson ran over his body.

“It was dark and there were

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State orders THC drinks off shelves

By PHYLLIS ZORN
Staff writer

Agreeing with concerns that led Marion police to seize 130 THC-infused drinks last month, Kansas Bureau of Investigation is giving retailers an unspecified amount of time to remove all such beverages, which the agency contends are illegal.

“Most, if not all, of these beverages are suspected to be illegal,” KBI communications director Melissa Underwood said. “They are only legal if they are hemp-derived and contain

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Golly Gee



STAFF PHOTOS BY NICHOLAS KIMBALL
Tessa Haines, who plays a costume seamstress, and Ty Koehn, who plays her assistant, dance as Ty wears a gown during the children’s musical “Golly Gee Whiz,” performed twice over the weekend at the Performing Arts Center.



Children strike a pyramid pose at the end of a song and dance number called “We’re All Set” as they build a stage for their finale.

Sheriff secretly among record tax delinquents

By ERIC MEYER
Staff writer

County taxpayers — secretly including Sheriff Jeff Soyez — owe a record \$569,110.64 in delinquent real estate taxes for 2024, up 11.5% from 2023.

Unlike 620 other parcels, Soyez’s two delinquent parcels do not appear under his name on the delinquent tax list, officially published in this week’s newspaper.

Rather, the \$421.41 he owes on his residence and an adjoining parcel are listed as being owned by “Restricted.”

Asked to comment on how Soyez’s name legally could be hidden, county administrator Tina Spencer cited a recent state law allowing people involved in law enforcement to file formal requests that their addresses not be published as part of online databases.

Because the delinquent tax list is derived from the coun-

ty’s online assessment database, Spencer said, the county is restricted from identifying him by name. The address itself was released, however.

Lawrence attorney Max Kautsch, president of the Kansas Coalition for Open Government, responded: “Ridiculous, but most likely legal until the legislature deems otherwise.”

Many names appear on the delinquency list nearly every year, but some appear only occasionally and do not necessarily indicate they are dead-beats.

Still, not paying taxes on time affects other taxpayers in the county.

The total amount of delinquent property taxes for 2024 is equivalent to a countywide tax rate of more than 3 mills.

That means those who failed to pay their taxes on time col-

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Peabody broke law by not printing reports

By FINN HARTNETT
Staff writer

Peabody violated state law when it failed to publish its annual treasurer’s report for two years.

An audit by Loyd Group revealed that the city did not file a report this January.

Mayor Catherine Weems admitted at a council meeting June 28 that Peabody did not file a report in 2024, either.

She chalked the lapse up to lack of staff and unbalanced books.

“There was no way I could have done it,” she said. “Nothing was even balanced for the year.”

City treasurer Deanna Baker, who began work in October, 2024, took responsibility for the misstep.

“Technically, yes, I was the treasurer and I failed to do it this year,” she said.

Asked whether the city did not publish a report because books weren’t balanced, Baker said: “I don’t really know how to answer that. I didn’t even really know that was something we were supposed to do.”

Peabody has had its fair share of employee vacancies in the last two years.

But a lack of staff is no ex-

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It’s a hard day’s night for sidewalk beetles

By FINN HARTNETT
Staff writer

Entomophobes — people scared of insects — probably shouldn’t be taking nighttime strolls anytime soon.

Nocturnal, red-brown bugs that flock to artificial light sources are abundant on porches and sidewalks across the Flint Hills. Walk down Marion’s Main St. on a warm night, and you’ll come across a few under every lamppost. Stray cats swat them around, and nightwalkers tip-toe around their shells.

The little critters are beetles in the Phyllophaga genus.

They are commonly referred to as June bugs, June beetles, or May beetles for the time of year that they emerge.

Some might think of a shiny green beetle when they think of a June bug. This is *Cotinis nitida*, a larger insect with a few similarities (both fly in a wobbly fashion and emerge at the same time of year) and a few differences (*Cotinis nitida* is a different color, not nocturnal, and sticks to grassy areas more often).

Raymond Cloyd, an entomology professor at Kansas State University, refers to Phyllophaga beetles as “May

beetles” and *Cotinis nitida* as “June beetles.”

“That’s the problem with common names,” Cloyd said. “They don’t really mean anything.”

Wikipedia lists seven different beetles that are referred to as June bugs, from the stripy *Polyphylla decemlineata* to the hairy *Amphimallon solstitialis*.

But Phyllophaga are the beetles most common to the county.

Phyllophaga larvae, known as grubs, feed on roots and decompose nutrients underground.

The grubs occasionally do damage

to garden plants such as lettuce, raspberries, and strawberries. They serve as a food source for skunks, raccoons, and possums.

“They stay in the soil for about two years, and then in the third year, they’ll come out as adults,” Cloyd said.

Adult Phyllophaga beetles feed on a variety of leaves — oak, hickory, walnut, birch, poplar, and more.

Attracted to bright light, they tend to be found on sidewalks because they somewhat comically fly into lampposts and fall to the ground, Cloyd said.

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STAFF PHOTO BY FINN HARTNETT
May beetles, June bugs, Phyllophaga — call them what you like, they’re abundant on Marion’s Main St. at night.

Opinion

Why name delinquent taxpayers?

WHY EMBARRASS PEOPLE and businesses for failing to pay property taxes on time? It's a question we at the newspaper have been pondering all week.

We did not take lightly our decision which entries to highlight in our news story reporting on the more than 600 delinquent parcels listed, as required by law, in this week's paper.

We understand that snafus, innocent oversights, or unexpected binds sometimes put people on the list through no real fault of their own. The list isn't intended solely to embarrass, though it does have that function. It also is to remind.

Fundamentally, the question isn't just about who's on the list. It's about the rest of us, as well.

Each year, governmental units have to impose taxes higher than what they actually need in anticipation of people not paying. This year's record total for delinquent taxes means other taxpayers — those who paid on time — had to pay more than 3 mills more than government needed because some failed to pay.

It's not a huge amount. For the owner of a house worth \$100,000, the overpayment was a bit more than \$34.50. I don't know about you, but if I have to cough up an extra \$34.50 for anything, I kind of want to know why, and not just with some vague generality.

Some of those who cost the rest of us extra taxes seem despicable. An apartment complex that year after year games the system by waiting until the last possible moment to avoid foreclosure before paying its taxes deserves whatever publicity it receives.

But do others? We may be wrong, but we decided that those with the biggest delin-

quencies, that people in responsible public positions, that those doing business with the community, and that those who either consciously or unconsciously tried to hide their delinquencies also merited attention.

That doesn't mean we condemn all of them as deadbeats or scofflaws. Information is information. It's neither positive nor negative on its own. It's what people make of it that matters.

We can, for example, look at a business that's delinquent as not paying its fair share. Or we can look at the same business as one that needs our help and greater patronage to remain a vital part of our community. Prevent a business from being embarrassed and you also prevent it from receiving public support it might need.

The same holds true for individuals. Pointing out large delinquencies is like pointing out tragedies — fires, storms, medical conditions. While victims might be embarrassed, failing to report a tragedy also denies them sympathy they might merit.

Our job is not to tell you what to think. It is to suggest things you might or might not want to think about — not so you can wallow or revel in them but so you can choose either to build upon them or to try to change them. News is like a map. It doesn't specify where you go but merely helps you identify where you might want to go and potential ways to get there.

Journalists aren't heartless people trying to profit from others' misfortune. We simply pass along information. Maybe we share too much sometimes, but it's almost always better to have too much than too little.

— ERIC MEYER

'Take Back the Courts' for whom?

LAST NIGHT IN Wichita marked the kickoff of what's sure to be another big-money, shove-it-down-our-throats campaign to weaponize every element of the justice system for crass and transient political reasons.

As with other recent attempts to force radical political agendas, it has a deceptively pleasant moniker. Like the failed "Value Them Both" movement that sought to restrict women's rights while saying it was protecting them, the "Take Back the Bench" movement has a similar hidden agenda.

By transforming the Kansas Supreme Court into yet another political entity, it seeks to take the courts back not for the people but so they can bend to the whims of people like billionaire Elon Musk, who spent millions unsuccessfully trying to influence a state supreme court election in Wisconsin and even publicly bribed voters to vote for candidates he supported.

If you like Kansas' overly politicized state legislature, which accomplishes very little except what key power brokers want, you'll love the politicized state supreme court that Take Back the Bench would create.

If anyone were to be expected to support changes that would make judgeships elected positions, you might think it would be this newspaper. We, after all, were victims of a justice system in which key officials failed to do their job in allowing fatally flawed search warrants to be approved.

A disciplinary panel's ruling that a judge did nothing wrong in approving warrants but in the future would be advised to actu-

ally read them before signing them was a pretty strong indictment of the system.

But making the highest judicial positions in the state elected, so their opinions can be swayed by big-money interests funding their campaigns, isn't the answer. The hen house may need policing, but not by the fox.

What sounds like a commonsense measure is in fact supported by a coalition of radicals, from "Krazy" Kris Kobach, a dedicated supporter of every political overreach by President Donald Trump, to the Charles Koch-funded Americans for Prosperity, which labeled Trump a "bad candidate" for president and which Trump labeled as "stupid" and "played by suckers."

"Take Back the Bench" is, just like "Value Them Both," another attempt to eliminate women's rights, but this one is even more dangerous because it also would eliminate one of the greatest safeguards within democracy — that of a truly independent judiciary.

Don't be fooled by innocent-sounding names or the fact that the ballot issue is being hidden in next year's primary election, where turnout except among those with more radical agendas typically is low.

"Take Back the Bench" will hand what often is the last bastion of reason and prudence in our democracy over to radical, big-money interests. It will weaponize the intended counterweight of our court system so that all of government can march in lockstep — some might say goosetstep — to whatever tunes power brokers desire.

— ERIC MEYER



Another Day in the Country Making salsa

By **PAT WICK**
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IT'S THAT time of year when gardens are finally producing veggies.

"These potatoes are from my garden," I proclaim to whoever is enjoying them with me. "And this slaw is from my very own cabbage patch."

We did have a few peas in the spring, but there are never enough peas for bragging rights. The rabbits and I shared what was there right off the vine.

If the ducks had discovered where the peas were hiding, the whole lot would have been gone instantly.

Now, the cucumber vines have taken over the wire cage where the peas hung out. I didn't even bother to remove the pea vines. They just withered and dried up.

My formal garden area is a box that Art made for me quite a while ago. Billy brought me a bucket load of dirt from down by the creek, and the chickens made my fertilizer.

Every year, I'm adding more dirt, sand, and mulch to replenish the soil. Where does it go?

It seems to me that real farmers have to deal with this soil loss, too. I read that "intensive tillage can lead to a loss of valuable organic matter, increased erosion, and reduced water retention, but low-till and no-till practices that preserve soil structure..."

Intensive tillage must be the reason I'm constantly needing to add more dirt.

In spring, I tried getting carrots, beets, and kohlrabi to grow in my garden, but bugs and bunnies were more persistent than I, so we settled for crops like potatoes, peas, peppers, cucumbers, onions, and herbs.

When potatoes came out of the ground, I planted green beans. When cabbage and onions were done, I veered toward potpourri, planting a variety of seeds that were left over in my seed box. I even included zinnia, basil, and dill in the mix.

"Whoever makes it up, I'll help you grow," I promised, water hose in one hand and fertilizer in the other.

We'll see what transpires.

The zinnias were the first ones up. If it's just them in the back of the garden, I'll be a happy camper. Those flowers are so cheerful and full of charm that I'll gladly welcome late bloomers.

Butterflies are in my yard visiting the zinnias in bloom, and I've set myself the task of photographing every new specimen I see.

So far, I've collected pictures of black swallowtails, eastern tiger swallowtails, red admirals, cabbage white, and American copper. Just today I found a variegated fritillary. It was huge, the size of a monarch, and I'm not sure I've ever noticed one before.

This is what happens when we vow to pay attention! We discover new things — fascinating, beautiful, amazing things.

Our cousin Joe, who grew up in Ramona and now lives in Lawrence, came to see us this past weekend.

He brought chips and salsa that he'd made from scratch, and Saturday night while we played games, we devoured all of the salsa except for a few tablespoons I saved, like the Holy Grail, so I could try to duplicate the experience after Joe was gone.

"You do know that every batch of salsa turns out different," Joe cautioned me as I tried to translate his method and ingredients into something I could replicate.

I needed poblano peppers, jalapeno peppers, onion, garlic, roma tomatoes, salt, peppers, and lime juice.

"That's the secret ingredient," Joe said. "It makes all the difference in the world."

Most of these things I had in my back yard, but I'm not growing poblano peppers this year, and no self-respecting lime tree would grow in Kansas, so I headed for the store.

Once all the ingredients were in the whizzer, I pulsed the mixture, added salt and pepper, and tasted it. Hmmm. Was this it?

I tasted the little bit of salsa left over from Joe's batch, added a few more tomatoes to the machine, and tasted it again. That was lunch! Tasting salsa can be a meal in itself.

At the end of this experiment, like the mad scientist I tend to emulate, I had four different kinds of salsa.

There's one that's close to the original that Joe made. Then I added more tomatoes to part of that original mix. I also decided to try making some corn salsa, and I ran out of lime juice and poblano peppers.

The last batch — the kind I usually make with tomatoes, peppers, onions, cilantro, and sometimes cucumbers — tended toward sweetness. I used lemon juice for that one.

The experiment was a success. I've enough iterations of salsa to share with friends, and I decided that life, day to day, is a little like salsa. You use what you have, do your best, and never know just how it will turn out, on another day in the country.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

School supplies

Although schools pay for many costs of sports while expecting teachers or parents to pay for necessary classroom supplies, parents pay for school banners honoring athletes, contrary to what was stated in an editorial last week.

Fair entrants

Some editions of last week's paper incorrectly identified the owner of a cow and calf pair shown at Marion County Fair. The owner is Mason Voth, son of Jeremy and Denise Voth.

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Bent out of shape

18 downtown flagpoles damaged by storms

High winds during two recent thunderstorms mangled 18 flagpoles in downtown Marion, but the flags themselves appear to be OK.

Police gathered the flags and bent or broken metal poles and took them to city hall. They now are at the city shop, where they will be repaired or replaced by public works

employees, city treasurer Becky Makovec said.

Banners that belong to Pride escaped damage.

"I went down and looked, and the banners looked fine. There supported by two brackets, top and bottom," Pride committee member Margaret Wilson said.

Marion picks canine officer as new police chief

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**
Staff writer

A familiar face in county law enforcement was promoted Monday to chief of the Marion Police Department.

Aaron Slater, a canine officer for Marion Police Department since November, 2023, has worked nine years in Marion County law enforcement.

Before working for Marion, he was a canine officer for the sheriff's office from November, 2022 to November, 2023.

Before that, Slater was a Marion canine officer from October, 2018 to November, 2022.

He was a deputy sheriff from November, 2017 to October, 2018, and a Peabody police officer from August, 2016 to November, 2017.

Before working full-time, he spent

two years as a reserve officer for Hillsboro while he attended Tabor College.

Slater said Tuesday that he wanted to help regain public trust for the department and be transparent.

He also said he wants the department to become involved in activities that improve life for the community and its children.

"I want to eventually be able to provide school supplies to kids returning to school," he said, "maybe a toy collection during the Christmas season. My biggest thing is to try to help children. I know there are adults who need help, too, but my biggest thing is children."

The department has two bicycles donated by Barkman Honey and is looking for kids who need them, he said.

City Council members voted unanimously to confirm Slater's nomination by Mayor Mike Powers. The vote came after a 20-minute executive session.

Slater took office immediately at a salary of \$65,000 a year.

Powers said candidates for the position were interviewed by a panel of five people — Powers, council member Amy Smith, administrator Bryan Wells, school administrator Kelsey Metro, and Democratic Party chairman and lawyer David Yoder.

Retired Hillsboro Police Chief Dan Kinning was expected to take part in the interviews, but health problems kept him from doing so, Powers said.

After appointing Slater, Powers and councilman Zach Collett thanked Zach Hudlin for serving as interim

chief for nearly two years since the resignation of Gideon Cody, who led a raid Aug. 11, 2023, on the *Record* and the homes of its owners and then-vice mayor Ruth Herbel.

In other business Monday, council members reviewed six properties listed as unsafe.

The properties were houses and garages at 120 Santa Fe St. owned by Scott Fisher; the former Country Lakes Café building at 202 E. Main St. owned by Walton State Bank; 314 S. Grant St. owned by Randall Bryant; 516 S. 3rd St. owned by Loretta Looney; 529 S. Roosevelt St. owned by Floyd and Laura Myers; and a shed at 1002 E. Nickerson St. owned by Leroy and Montana Danler.

Property inspector James Masters said Fisher's house had a "really bad roof," was missing foundation that

could permit animal activity, and was too close to the property boundary to allow adequate setbacks.

Fisher said he wanted to repair the property and retain it, but if it was torn down, nothing could be built on the lot.

Council members agreed to let Fisher get a better idea of whether repairs could be made and return in September.

Council members voted to demolish the back portion of the former Country Lakes building, which has bulging walls on the verge of collapsing. They also voted to demolish a shed at 1002 E. Nickerson St.

They agreed to give Bryant time to repair 314 S. Grant St.

Powers set a hearing Oct. 8 on property at 529 S. Roosevelt St. so owners could make progress on restoration.

Child care center opens

By **FINN HARTNETT**
Staff writer

After a month-long delay because of leakage, Hillsboro Community Child Care Center opened Monday.

The center will be open year-round and provide care to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

"It went well," director Micah Wilkins said. "We have five classrooms, and we had kids in every room."

Wilkins said all construction issues have been "resolved." She referred questions about building inspections to city administrator Matt Stiles.

City inspector Ben Steketee visited the child care center at the end of last week, Stiles said, and issued a permanent certificate of occupancy.

"It's all wrapped up from the inspection side," Stiles said.

While the center is open for business, its official ribbon-cutting is almost two months away, tentatively scheduled for Oct. 4 at 9 a.m.

"They wanted to give the day care an opportunity to run for a bit," Stiles said.

Wilkins declined to provide the number of children enrolled.

At past city council meetings, city officials said the goal for the center was to have 99 students.

Stiles said the current number was 25.

"Once school gets going, it'll jump up," he said. "I think we have 66 who are enrolled or are yet to be enrolled. We have some babies who haven't been born yet."

High alert



STAFF PHOTO BY CHERI BENITZ

A doe was on high alert Tuesday morning, watching and listening for occupants of a home near 90th and Clover Rds. as two other deer grazed nearby. A quick stomp of a hoof and off they ran to nearby woods and cover.

Wendy's replacement may come by year's end

By **FINN HARTNETT**
Staff writer

Wendy's departure from Hillsboro left a void — and a vacant property — in November, 2024.

That void may be filled before the year is up.

56 Family Restaurant of Galva is in talks with a group of local investors to open a branch on the property at 812 E D St.

"We are talking with the people that own the building," restaurant owner Diane Hoard said. "I'm just going to say at this point that we're very optimistic."

56 Family is just off US-56. It offers a variety of diner food — similar to Florence's Town and Country Café, but with a larger menu.

It is a popular haunt for locals and those passing through, boasting 4.7 out of 5 stars on Google Reviews and 2,400 followers on Facebook.

Darrell Driggers, part of the investment group that owns the Hillsboro

property, declined to provide the name of the investment group.

"It's a group of local businessmen," he said.

Appraisal records list the building as owned by "Sunrise Leasing LLC," the mailing address for which is the same as Driggers'.

Driggers confirmed that 56 Family Restaurant was interested in opening a branch on the property. He declined to say whether there were other suitors.

"If we get one, we'll be lucky," he said. "In a small town like this, it's hard to put anything together."

Hoard said going to Hillsboro would be a new and exciting experience.

"We've never done business there, but over the years, we've met a lot of people who have come from Hillsboro," she said. "We drove through there last night, and I said, 'this is a pretty nice town.'"

If everything goes well, Hoard said, her restaurant could have a branch on the property later this year.

Two parts of county rocked by shootings

Peabody police are asking for the public's help identifying a person who shot a gun into a house at 2 a.m. Tuesday.

Although the house, in the 900 block of Vine St., was occupied by one adult, the occupant was not injured.

Marion County sheriff's deputies also responded to the shooting incident.

Police Chief Matthew Neal said the police were following leads to identify a suspect.

Anyone with information about the incident is being asked to call (620) 983-

2111. Anyone who knows the shooter's location is asked to call 911.

In Lost Springs, George Luna visited his family's graves and found the marker in the plot had been shot.

Cemetery board member Frank Wirtz said it's impossible to know when the marker was shot. The cemetery is mowed every couple of weeks and occasionally people walk through the cemetery.

"It was probably someone from out of town," Wirtz said.

Commodities distribution to resume next week

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**
Staff writer

Bimonthly distribution of free food to low-income families will return next week after being skipped in June.

Department on Aging director Lu Turk was notified commodities would arrive Aug. 13 and be distributed that week. Each town has its own distribution date and time.

Distributions this month will include fish, pulled pork, turkey breast, chicken, and instant milk.

"We'll have a total of 14 items for distribution," Turk said.

Her department wasn't notified June distribution would be skipped until June 10 — just days before the

food ordinarily would have been distributed.

The Department for Children and Families said distribution was being skipped because the federal government had provided no money to transport the food.

Turk found a driver who volunteered to pick up the commodities from a Concordia distribution center, but a DCF representative told her that could not be done.

"At this time, partner agencies are not permitted to independently pick up TEFAP foods or cover the associated shipping costs themselves," an administrative specialist wrote in an email. "All TEFAP food deliveries must be coordinated through DCF

When commodities will be distributed

Free food will be distributed next week to residents qualifying under revised income standards. A recipient must have monthly household income of no more than \$2,413 plus \$848 for each additional household member. Commodities will be distributed first come, first served by community:

AUG. 13

- **Burns** — Morning at community center.
- **Goessel** — 5 to 6 p.m. at Citizens State Bank
- **Lincolnvill** — 10:30 to 11 a.m. at community center.
- **Lost Springs** — 11 a.m. at Marion Senior Center.
- **Marion** — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at senior center.
- **Peabody** — 1 p.m. at senior center.

- **Pilsen** — 11:30 a.m. at community center.
- **Ramona** — Morning at community center.
- **Tampa** — 3 to 4 p.m. at senior center.

AUG. 14

- **Florence** — 9 to 11 a.m. at senior center.

AUG. 16

- **Durham, Hillsboro, and Lehigh** — 9 a.m. to noon at Main Street Ministries, Hillsboro.

in accordance with federal and state guidelines."

This month's delivery notice came later than usual.

"Normally, we hear something by the end of the month," Turk said.

The fate of the food that would have been shipped in June is not known.

U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Friday that it would spend up to \$230 million to buy fresh seafood, fruits, and vegetables grown by American farmers and producers.

Commodities it will purchase include Alaska Pollock, dried cranberries, dry beans, farm-raised catfish, and fresh apples.

USDA said the food would be given to food banks and nutrition assistance programs across the country.

Resident questions planned Hillsboro fire station

By **FINN HARTNETT**
Staff writer

Some proposed renovating city buildings, and others expressed worries about those being built at a Hillsboro City Council meeting Monday.

Resident Robert Herzet expressed concern about the price of a new Hillsboro fire station, which is expected to be constructed within 18 months.

The council voted July 15 to issue \$6 million in bonds for the project.

The fire station is estimated to cost \$5.2 million.

Hillsboro hopes to finance the station in part through a U.S. Department of Agriculture loan, which the city applied for Thursday. A decision is expected by late September.

Herzet argued that the station cost too much for a city that didn't have a full-time fire department, and that the public should be able to vote on the issue.

"I don't really believe that four or five councilmen should make that decision for the entire city," he said.

The council did not respond to Herzet's comments, but Mayor Lou Thurston acknowledged them after the meeting.

"We've had public meetings about this," Thurston said. "It isn't a factor of Hillsboro's growth rate; it's just that we've needed a real station for years."

He said the fire department needed adequate storage for equipment, some of which is kept in the city building.

Police Chief Jessey Hiebert also talked about facilities while telling the council that the police department responded to 3,137 "calls for service" in the last year.

These include accident, incident, or offense reports, responding to animal complaints; and court appearances.

Hiebert reported finding mold and mildew in the police station.

Hillsboro investigated the condition of the station in July, after storms caused leaks.

The city is considering relocating the department.

Hiebert said his dream was for the public library to move out of the city

Deaths

IN MEMORIAM
EXPANDED EULOGIES

"In Memoriam" listings are expanded paid obituaries, phrased as the family requests, and may include enhanced information or photographs that might not fit within free death notices.

Dudley Donahue

Services for Dudley J. Donahue, 72, who passed away Aug. 4, 2025, at NMC Health, formerly Newton Medical Center, will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8, at Morningstar Church in Durham.

Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. at the church. Interment at Durham Park Cemetery will follow the services.

He was born May 19, 1953, to the late James C. and Joan (Dirks) Donahue.

Dudley was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother, Jay Dean Donahue.

He is survived by his daughters, Beth Donahue and fiancé Chelsea McGowan of Littleton, Colorado; Sarah Donahue and son Bo Morgan of Dallas; and Emily Donahue of Haysville; brothers Tim Donahue and wife Lisa of Lincolnville and their family and Tom Donahue and wife Rhonda of Windsor, Colorado, and their family; and sister Debbie Donahue and partner Jim Holt of Colorado Springs.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Kansas Historical Foundation or Santa Fe Trail Association in care of Jost Funeral Home, PO Box 266, Hillsboro KS 67063.

Online condolences at www.jostfuneralhome.com.



Alvin Kroupa

Alvin Kroupa

Funeral Mass for Alvin Joseph Kroupa, 83, who passed away Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025, will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8, 2025, at Holy Family Parish, St. Mark's Catholic Church, Marion.

Rosary will be prayed at 10 a.m. at the church. Visitation will be 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday

Aug. 7, 2025, at Yazel-Megli Funeral Home, Marion. He will be laid to rest in Marion Cemetery.

Alvin was born Feb. 5, 1943, in Hillsboro to Josephine Kroupa. Alvin liked to say he was a '43 model.'

He was the eldest of seven children and had to shoulder much of the patriarchal roles and duties for his family as a young boy.

He was proud of his time working on the Ferrel ranch with Jim Ferrel during his early high school years to help support his mom and siblings.

He especially remembered being proud that Mr. Ferrel trusted him to drive the 100+ miles back from Great Bend to Lincolnville at just 13 or 14 years old.

He attended school in Lincolnville until a new school opened and was then a member of the second senior class to graduate from Centre High School in 1961.

After high school, he continued to farm, drive trucks, and work in oil fields. Those oil fields helped introduce him to Barbara Base, and they were married Aug 1, 1964. Alvin passed away two days after their 61st anniversary.

Unlike his own father, Alvin sought out the responsibility of fatherhood. Having already helped to raise his siblings and unable to conceive their own children, Alvin and Barbara chose to adopt their daughter, Kelli, and son, Jamie, at birth.

Kelli and Jamie will tell you they had the hardest-working and strongest man they knew as a father, that he could do or build just about anything (necessity being the mother of invention), and that he chose them.

After marriage, he drove for Riddle Quarry and then helped build Marion Dam.

He would tell stories of running a concrete truck overnight and tying steel girders in the dam. It was dangerous work, with at least one co-worker losing his life while building.

Alvin began driving trucks with AMPI in 1973 and did so for 25 years until the plant closed. At one point, he was recognized for logging well over a million accident-free miles, of which he was proud.

He primarily hauled milk but sometimes would get an ice cream run, which occasionally resulted in a tub of Baskin-Robbins making its way home to his kids!

Barrel-chested, ox-strong, and with an affinity for a good truck stop buffet, he gained the CB handle/ nickname "Big Al," and it stuck for life.

He drove for several other outfits for another eight to 10 years before getting off the road for good.

The kids have great memories of going on trips in a semi with their dad to areas like Wisconsin, Illinois, and Tennessee, to name a few.

Taking them was against company regulations, so he would have to sneak them into the truck so as not to get caught, which just added to the fun.

Alvin's kids watched him and their mom build up two farms in his lifetime, all with undersized and overworked equipment.

Bartering dozer work for pipe and sucker rod, he built miles of pipe fence and corals. He transformed the landscape on both farms with waterways and terraces, and he made many a tree row and even a railroad disappear.

He built all the ponds his kids remember swimming in. He built all of this while also being on the road more than full-time.

Alvin loved his Gelbvieh cattle. He called them his "red cows." He took great pleasure in growing and genetically improving his herd.

He typically was pretty well-natured. Few things, like a determined cow with her own plan, could make the angry "bohunk" come out in their dad.

In his later years, he enjoyed being a 4th Degree member of Knights of Columbus and serving in that regard.

He was proud to host walkers for the last night of the Father Kapaun pilgrimage, with the group walking from Wichita to Pilsen.

He loved to sit on his south porch and wait so he could see the line of 200 to 300 or more walkers as they crossed a bridge and headed north up K-256 to his farm.

The sight of 100+ tents on his yard and how the group always cleaned up every single piece of trash always amazed him.

He overcame his own rough childhood to provide a great one for his kids. Thank you for everything, Dad!

Alvin was preceded in death by his mother, Josephine, and his brother, Gene.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Barbara; by his daughter, Kelli Savage and her husband, Randy, of Florence, and their children, Seth and Laura; and by his son, Jamie Kroupa, and his wife, Erica, and children Abbie, Alex, and Ashton of Shawnee.

Memorials to the Father Kaplan Legacy Fund or Good Shepherd Hospice are suggested.

Peabody chief goes from retirement to center stage

By **FINN HARTNETT**
Staff writer

Matt Neal is not your typical police chief. Apologetic and polite, he resembles a guidance counselor more than a man tasked with leading a law enforcement department.

When Neal entered his first Peabody City Council meeting July 28, he couldn't get the door open.

"That's not going to give anybody confidence," he laughed.

But Neal, with his calm, friendly demeanor, might be exactly what Peabody needs to guide the department through rough waters.

Neal has spent nearly a quarter-century in police work.

"I always wanted to be a police officer growing up," he said. "Like any 6-year-old kid, I saw cop shows on TV, little clips here and there, and I saw police officers throughout the city, and I just thought it looked like the coolest job. I liked the idea of helping people."



STAFF PHOTO BY FINN HARTNETT

Matt Neal retired from his police job in Rose Hill in July, 2024, after struggling with mental and physical health. He says the chief of police position in Peabody has "reenergized" him.

He adored "Hunter," a gritty '80s crime drama about a homicide detective, and "CHiPs," a campy show about California Highway Patrol.

"I was 6, and I got the tan CHiPs costume and a motorcycle helmet for Christmas," he

said. "It was the coolest thing ever."

Neal graduated from a police academy in 2000 and began work as a patrol officer in his hometown of Hutchinson.

In 2008, he left to become

PLEASE SEE **NEAL**, PAGE 5

New superintendent wants Centre to be 'best it can be'

By **ROWENA PLETT**
Staff writer

Daniel Acklund, new superintendent at Centre School, is in his 20th year in education and his first year as a superintendent.

His goal is to help students, teachers, staff member, and the community make the district "the best it can be," he said last week.

It already is a great district, he said. He wants to help make it even better.

Acklund grew up in a very small Nebraska town and graduated from Geneva Fillmore Central High School. He went to Peru State College in Nebras-



Daniel Acklund

ka for his bachelor degree's in elementary education.

After working a year as a paraeducator, he moved to Val-

ley Center, where he taught fifth grade for eight years.

An administrator there convinced him to move into administration. He obtained administrative training through Newman University in Wichita.

For the next 10 years, he was an elementary school principal, serving at Rock Creek, Hutchinson, and Garnett.

At Centre, Acklund also will serve as elementary school principal as well as principal for the Kansas Online Learning Program, the district's virtual school.

He envisions spending his

PLEASE SEE **ACKLUND**, PAGE 5

Hetts to have 107th reunion

The Hett family will have its 107th annual reunion at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at Marion County Lake hall.

Attendees are being asked to bring a covered dish for lunch. Drinks will be provided.

A business meeting will follow lunch.

COLLEGE
DEGREES AND HONORS

These Marion County students were listed this past week as receiving degrees.

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Bachelor's degrees

Florence — Aubrey Nichole Craig, nursing.

Hillsboro — Carson K. Linnens, marketing.

Lost Springs — Tyler Nickel, pharmaceutical studies.

Marion — Logan Waner, dual degrees in accounting and marketing.

MENUS
SENIOR CENTERS

Menus subject to change. Milk available with all meals.

HILLSBORO

Reservations accepted at (620) 947-2304.

Thursday — Chuckwagon steak, cheesy hashbrown casserole, cauliflower, cinnamon baked apples, roll.

Friday — Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, fruit, roll, poke cake.

Monday — Open-face turkey sandwich with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberry shortcake.

Tuesday — Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with dressing, sliced cucumbers, garlic bread, peach cobbler.

Aug. 13 — Barbecue pork on bun, cole-slaw, baked beans, applesauce.

Aug. 14 — Ham salad, croissant, sliced tomatoes, watermelon, broccoli salad, brownie.

MARION

Reservations accepted at (620) 382-2942.

Thursday — Grilled hamburger with onion, lettuce, and tomato; potato salad; fruit.

Friday — Barbecue chicken breast, baked beans, potato wedges, whole-wheat roll.

Monday — Open-face turkey sandwich with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, strawberry shortcake.

Tuesday — Ham salad, marinated tomato salad, fruit, wheat bread.

Aug. 13 — Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with dressing, sliced cucumbers, garlic bread, peach cobbler.

Aug. 14 — Barbecue pork on bun, cole-slaw, baked beans, applesauce.

PEABODY

Reservations accepted at (620) 983-2226.

Thursday — Chuckwagon steak, cheesy hashbrown casserole, cauliflower, cinnamon baked apples, roll.

Friday — Barbecue baked chicken, baked beans, marinated slaw, grapes, roll.

Monday — Open-face turkey sandwich with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, strawberry shortcake.

Tuesday — Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with dressing, sliced cucumbers, garlic bread, peach cobbler.

Aug. 13 — Oven-fried chicken with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans with onions, roll, strawberry shortcake.

Aug. 14 — Barbecue pork on bun, cole-slaw, baked beans, applesauce.

Church directory

Up-to-date schedules
provided by churches

Email weekly updates to church@MarionCountyRecord.com.

AULNE BIBLE

1404 Pawnee Rd., Marion
Bryan Lowery, Pastor

Worship 9:10 a.m.
Sunday school 10:45 a.m.
Nursery and children's church available during morning worship.

Wednesday — Work on Operation Christmas Child boxes, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Phoebe Janzen's house.
Thursday — Women's prayer group, 7 p.m., Betty Just's house.
Friday — Women's Bible study, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m., Phoebe Janzen's house.

FLORENCE UNITED METHODIST
201 W. 5th St., Florence

Gathering/coffee 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Guest pastor, Phil Smith.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Roman Catholic churches in Florence, Marion, Pilsen, and Tampa
Father Isaac Coulter

Marion 8:30 a.m. Sunday noon Monday, noon Tuesday
Pilsen noon Thursday 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Confessions 30 minutes before every Mass for 20 minutes.
Friday — Noon Mass, White Memorial Camp, Council Grove.

Saturday — Saturday night Mass, White Memorial Camp, Council Grove, 8 p.m.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN

320 Cedar St., Marion
John Werner, pastor

Divine service / Communion 9 a.m.
Thursday — Mission projects, 1 p.m.
Monday — Office hours, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday — Executive board meeting, 7 p.m.
Aug. 6 — Office hours, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

OTHER AREA CHURCH SCHEDULES

ALEXANDERWOHL MENNONITE
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

BURDICK UNITED METHODIST
Worship 11 a.m.

BURNS CORNERSTONE BIBLE
Worship 9 a.m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF FLORENCE
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Free breakfast 8:30 a.m.
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Evening service 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY OF CEDAR POINT
Worship 9 a.m.

EASTMOOR UNITED METHODIST
Worship 9:45 a.m.

EBENFELD MENNONITE BRETHREN
Worship 10:30 a.m.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST

Worship 10:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST OF DURHAM
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST OF PEABODY

Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Facebook live 11 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

GOOD NEWS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
Worship 10:30 a.m.

HEBRON LUTHERAN OF BURDICK
Worship 9:30 a.m.

HILLSBORO FIRST MENNONITE
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

HILLSBORO MENNONITE BRETHREN
Sunday school 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

HILLSBORO UNITED METHODIST
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Weekly services posted on YouTube.

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
OF HILLSBORO

Liturgy 10 a.m.

MARION CHRISTIAN

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday — Bible study, 9 a.m.

MARION PRESBYTERIAN

Praise team rehearsal 8 a.m.
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sermon discussion 7:30 p.m.

PARKVIEW MENNONITE
BRETHREN, HILLSBORO

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

PEABODY CHRISTIAN

Worship 10:30 a.m.

PEABODY UNITED METHODIST

Worship 10:40 a.m.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN OF
LINCOLNVILLE

Worship 10:45 a.m.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN OF TAMPA

Worship 9:15 a.m.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN OF PEABODY

Worship 9 a.m.

STRASSBURG BAPTIST

Sunday school 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN OF RAMONA

Worship 10:45 a.m.

VALLEY UNITED METHODIST

Sunday school 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.

ZION LUTHERAN OF HILLSBORO

Bible class 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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15 YEARS AGO

AUG. 11, 2010

Record reporters questioned the state fire marshal's office about overcrowding in Marion County Jail after learning about inmates sleeping on mats on floors.

After an inspection last week, the fire marshal asserted that the capacity of the jail is just four inmates. County officials had thought the jail had a capacity of 11, although it has housed as many as 20.

How the county will alleviate the problem is an ongoing situation.

With triple-digit temperatures throughout the county for most of the week, all living things are looking for a place to cool off. That includes a crowd of cows pictured belly-deep in a pond at a pasture near Burns.

Marion native Homer Hoch was designated for a lifetime achievement award by Washburn University School of Law Alumni Association.

After graduation, he practiced law in Marion for 10 years and was editor of the *Marion Record*.

Hoch was elected to Congress in 1919, where he served six terms, and to the Kansas Supreme Court in 1932, where he served until his death in 1949.

Mark Meisinger of rural Marion is pictured as he takes advantage of dry weather to bale prairie hay at his farm on 210th Rd.

30 YEARS AGO

AUG. 16, 2010

Marion County commissioners approved a preliminary plan Monday for a shower hall south of the lake hall at Marion County Lake.

The first-ever Marion County Relay for Life at the Tabor College track Friday raised more than \$9,000 for American Cancer Society. More than 150 people participated in the walk.

Pat Ash is pictured as she sits behind her desk as new secretary in the principal's office at Marion High School. She started May 1 under the supervision of 24-year veteran, Fern Friesen, who retired in July. Ash worked at the Marion County clerk's office for 20 years.

Eighteen pilots of the so-called Short Wing Piper aircraft club visited Marion Airport for their second fly-in meeting and lunch Saturday at Kingfisher's Inn. They were greeted by Bob Moody of Marion County Lake, a member of the organization whose Tri-Pacer is based at the Marion airport.

Two coaches have returned from coaching teams in the Sports Challenge International basketball tournament in Belgium. Greg Wyatt of Centre High School coached Kansas Blue, featuring girls from the Topeka / Kansas City area, and Gayla Soye of Tabor College coached Wichita-area girls.

45 YEARS AGO

AUG. 13, 1980

Marion's Art in the Park will be Saturday in Central Park. The event will be sponsored by Pride and Marion Chamber of Commerce, according to Dorothy Varenhorst, tourism committee chairman.

One hundred years ago, a group of Catholics established a colony in the southeast corner of Marion County and named it St. Francis City. Not long after that, the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad Co. renamed the town Burns because there already was a Kan-

sas town named St. Francis. The town was named after railroad solicitor Ross Burns. It will celebrate its centennial Saturday and Sunday.

Five Marion High School FFA members spent last week in Washington, D.C., attending the National FFA Leadership Conference. Students included Ruth Fischer, Jim Padgett, Kim Schaffer, Brad Vannocker, and Ron Wineinger.

Butler County Community College will offer classes for adults on a variety of subjects this fall in Marion. Enrollment will be the evening of Aug. 25.

Bud Pierce, owner of Pierce Oil and Fertilizer Service, has been honored for outstanding service in marketing petroleum products. Pierce has been associated with Conoco since 1946 and has been jobber for the company in Marion since 1956.

60 YEARS AGO

AUG. 19, 1965

Showers Monday and rain Tuesday and Wednesday have brought smiles to many Marion County faces, have helped late-heading milo fields and pastures, and have loosened purse strings held tight by dry, hot weather and unsettled conditions.

The winner among those competing for the title of 1965 Marion County Fair queen will be crowned on closing night, Aug. 26, by last year's winner, Elaine Klassen, Hillsboro. Entrants include Rebecca Berry of Marion; Gloria Lewerenz and Carol Lehmann, Lincolnville; Jan Hostetler and Faith Kleinsasser, Hillsboro; Linda Strome, Burdick; Patricia Edmonds, Peabody; and Margie Goertzen, Henderson, Nebraska.

Steve Krispense, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Krispense and a member of the Marion FFA

chapter, is one of seven Future Farmers of America from Kansas named this week to receive the organization's highest degree, American Farmer, at the FFA convention Oct. 13 to 25 in Kansas City.

School enrollment will be Thursday and Friday. The faculty is led by new superintendent J.M. Applegate. Principals are Maude Thompson at Bown-Corby, D. Eugene Enos at Marion Elementary, and Jim Weinmann at Marion High School.

75 YEARS AGO

AUG. 17, 1950

Private First Class Jack Herzet, popular young Marion boy who enlisted in the Army in October, 1948, at age 17, is reported missing in action in Korea. Mother Dixie Herzet, other relatives, and friends are anxiously awaiting further word of him.

Final results in a kids fishing tournament show some astounding figures. There was a tie in the largest fish contest. Dennis Navrat, Jim Christensen, and Bill Meredith each caught 1¼-pounders the first day. Dennis placed first since his fish measured the longest. Most caught went to Junior Post for boys with 40 and to Connie Long for the girls with 26. Johnnie Price caught the largest number in the tournament, 71.

Tim Burkholder, Bud Hanaford, C.R. Moulton, and Bob Reinke left Monday for a vacation in Colorado.

Alertness by Hillsboro's night marshal, Leo Regier, plus prompt and effective action by Sheriff James Kline and help from KBI and the Kansas City police force brought about apprehension Wednesday of a gang of teenage Kansas City hoodlums who robbed Janzen's Jewelry in Hillsboro of

about \$7,000 in merchandise Sunday morning.

One hundred twenty-six members of the Hett family met Sunday, Aug. 13, at Marion Waterworks Park for their annual reunion.

110 YEARS AGO

AUG. 12, 1915

The Elgin Hotel has changed management this week. The new proprietress is Mrs. D.E. Munro. Mrs. Munro comes to us from Kansas City. She has 18 years' experience in the hotel business, having spent nine years in Wilson, and comes recommended as a competent, pleasant hotel lady.

Alexander Hanschu, G.J. Bernhardt, Christ Deines, and C. Cornelsen have filed applications for citizenship this past week.

C.A. Stebbins from near Antelope brought in a stock beet that measured 20 inches from tip to tail and 18 inches around the equator. The vegetable weighed 10 pounds 7 ounces.

ADVERTISEMENT — Free matinee Saturday afternoons, given by the merchants of Marion. Farmers especially invited.

Harry Rogers has installed a Bell telephone at the Auditorium and remodeled the ticket office.

Morris Williams, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams, was quite severely hurt last Saturday. While he was playing with a little wagon, the front wheels came off. As he fell, his hip was torn by a bolt. Eight stitches were taken. He is better and able to be around some now.

Mr. and Mrs. Nodie Baker and little son attended the circus Thursday in Wichita.

Three new firms are now making use of the general de-

livery system in our town. They are Marion Pharmacy, Riddle Pharmacy, and Fred D. Hawthorne's shoe store.

145 YEARS AGO

AUG. 13, 1880

Yesterday, a year ago, the first passenger train entered Marion Centre, freighted with a thousand souls and welcomed by the populace with the greatest enthusiasm. Few towns in the state have grown so solidly, so substantially, so gratifyingly as Marion Centre has since the spring of '79. And the boom continues.

Watermelons have made their appearance, but those we have seen are small, stunted specimens.

Look out for rain tomorrow. Twice in the last few years this scribe has been engaged to talk to Sunday school picnickers west of town, and each time rain has poured down in torrents, preventing the meeting. In the interest of a big corn crop, we have again consented to talk out there tomorrow. Look out for a flood.

We understand that there is almost a certainty of an iron foundry in Marion Centre at an early day.

HILLSBORO ITEMS — A Russian gentleman has lumber delivered and work commenced on quite a large building, intending we understand of going into the tailor business, and another enterprise is attracting considerable attention this week, that is a steam mill project, which shows fair prospect of adding another large building to our town.

Old pioneer stone cutter and contractor Stephen Jex still holds fort. He is kept busy all the time, and his work always gives satisfaction. Jex is a fine workman.

NEAL: From watching cop shows to his own starring role

FROM PAGE 4

police chief in Halstead, where he worked until the following year. He was a chief in St. John for part of 2011.

In 2013, Neal took a job with the Rose Hill police department, where he worked for four years as the resource officer for the local public school.

He took a year to teach police science at Wichita State

University's technical school, then returned to Rose Hill to work directly for the school in it's own small police department, where he remained until 2024.

Working at a school for a decade is perhaps where he gets his I-just-want-what's-best-for-you demeanor.

"I've been lucky," Neal said. "I've been able to do, for most

of my adult life, what I wanted to do my whole life."

At the start of 2024, Neal's physical health declined.

"I've got a bladder disease," he said. "It makes life painful at times. It had gotten to the point where it was extremely hard for me to wear a gun belt. I wasn't sleeping much because of the pain, and I couldn't do my job right."

He also felt emotionally burned out from his 10 years on the job at Rose Hill.

He took a leave of absence and later decided to retire, leaving Rose Hill on July 17, 2024.

Retirement allowed Neal to focus more on his health. He began eating and drinking better — less soda, more water and ice tea. His bladder pain decreased significantly.

"You talk about how the department's got to be proactive

— you got to be proactive with your health, too," he said. "I've learned that the hard way. And that's something that I'm not going to let happen again."

Neal saw that the position of Peabody chief was open earlier this summer and applied. He was hired — Mayor Catherine Weems called him "the top pick unanimously" — and officially came out of retirement July 21.

"I just felt like it was the right job," Neal said. "I loved the idea of coming back to a small town, working as a chief again, and being able to train officers and build a department."

As the only officer in the department, Neal has been kept busy since his appointment, patrolling, meeting business owners and city officials, and sifting through paperwork.

He was positive about his

first two weeks in Peabody, particularly the local food scene.

"It's re-energized me," he said. "One of the things that I love about Peabody is Main St. downtown. You've got Pop's Diner, you've got the bistro, the tea shop, the ice cream shop, the hair salon. It's a lot of local businesses. And the food in this town is fantastic."

Neal last worked as a police chief more than a decade ago, and rebuilding a department that shuttered in the face of resignations and scandals is a daunting task.

"There's a lot of responsibility on the chief," he said. "Not only are you setting the tone for your department but are you setting the tone for the city that you're in. I think that's important; people aren't going to visit your town if they don't feel safe. Citizens aren't going to be

as active at local businesses and events if they don't feel safe."

Neal said he felt ready to lead again.

"I knew, from my perspective, what makes a good cop," he said. "You kind of build up your own philosophy. I knew what I wanted to build, and I felt like I had a good vision."

Now that Peabody has a leader for its department, the question becomes who will complete its ranks.

Peabody posted a job posting for a police officer last week. Neal has found two potential candidates so far, he said.

"It'll be nice to have other people in the office," he said.

Neal may not watch as many cop shows these days — "I don't like the way they shortcut everything," he said — but he is now one of the main actors in Peabody.

ACKLUND: Returning to his small-town roots

FROM PAGE 4

mornings at the school and retiring to the district office in the afternoon.

Acklund said he was impressed with the district's efforts to provide a diversity of athletic and academic experiences for its students.

"Even if one or two students want to participate in something, the district will make it happen," he said. "I hope to expand on that."

Moving from larger schools to a 1A school required some adjustment, but he is happy to be back in a small community.

He is impressed with the diversity of the school board,

which includes farmers, educators, and medical personnel.

"They get along well, have great insights and ideas, and work together to come to decisions," he said. "They are incredibly supportive."

He and his wife, Michelle, live in Marion. Michelle has been hired as a facilitator for gifted students at Marion County Special Education Co-op. Their son, Caden, is an eighth grader. Daughter Laken is a sixth grade.

"I'm excited to be here," Acklund said. "My most important job is to be supportive and help people."

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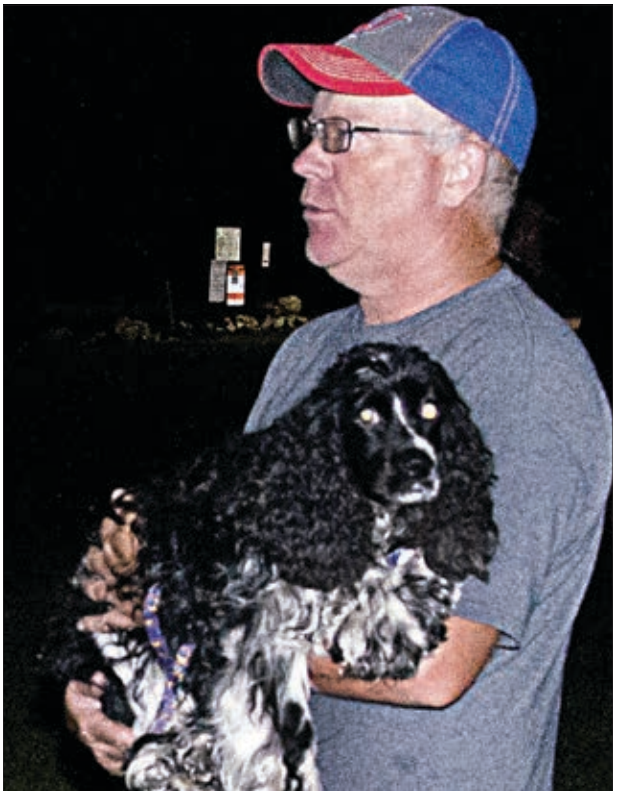


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From left: Zach Bozeman, Lily B. Moonflower, Jake Keegan, and Colby Allen Walter make up Moonshroom Friday night at Bluegrass at the Lake.



Clint “Huffy” Dayhuff, lead singer of Huffy and the Night Train, sips on a homemade cocktail after performing.



Travis Harms of Newton enjoys music with his dog, Looney Tunes.



An eclectic crowd dances late Friday night at Bluegrass at the Lake.

Bluegrass at the Lake: A colorful adventure

By **FINN HARTNETT**
Staff writer

MARION COUNTY isn’t generally a haven for flower-children, but that was the vibe Friday at the county lake.

A jangle of guitars and mandolins and a scent of cigars and “herbal” cigarettes filled the cool evening air during the first night of Bluegrass at the Lake.

Huffy and the Night Train, a sextet from Lawrence, Kansas City, and Wichita, got spectators to their feet with a mixture of Grateful Dead-style rock and bluegrass.

Lead singer Clint “Huffy” Dayhuff was plagued throughout the performance by swarms of bugs attracted to the lights on stage.

“I feel bad,” lake resident Mark Wheeler said. “You can see all the bugs flying up above the guitar player.”

Dayhuff wore an all-white jumpsuit and white cowboy hat.

“Don’t open your mouth!” he yelled to the crowd mid-song.

It was a strange directive. As lead singer, he was the one opening his mouth the most.

After Dayhuff and the rest of the band finished their set, they joined the audience to watch the last performers of the night.

Despite bugs, they were in good spirits, passing around a cooler filled with a fruity pink cocktail and reclining in inner tubes.

Dayhuff said the band had set up a tent and planned to camp at the lake all weekend.

“We’re just happy to be here,” he said.

Keyboardist Hank Rischar, wearing a colorful sports jersey, said the band doesn’t take performing too seriously.

“We play three times a year, and we never rehearse,” he said.

Next to the lake hall, vendors packed things up for the night.

Among them was Kristy Korsak, owner of Dr. Kristy Disc Dyes.

Korsak, who sells hand-dyed disc golf discs, doesn’t use a doctoral title just for marketing.

She worked as an audiologist in Wichita and her hometown of Emporia before opening an online disc golf shop.

Wrapped in a blanket to protect her from a lakeside breeze, she described the dye business as “way more fun than looking into people’s ears.”

Korsak fills each disc with lotion and powdered dye. (Most indeed smelled like moisturizer.)

Paint weighs down the disc too much and generally is illegal at tournaments.

It was Korsak’s first time at the festival in more than a decade.

“I’m shocked at how much it’s grown,” she said.

She performed the first time she attended as part of a group named Folk Holler. The trio won first place in a battle of the bands competition, earning a \$10 bill.

Members celebrated by cutting the bill into three pieces.

Korsak became interested in disc golf after working briefly as a sales manager for Dynamic Discs in Emporia.

The sport is indeed popular in Emporia, which describes itself as the “Disc Golf

Capital of the World,” and Korsak’s business has done well, she said.

“Disc golf is the second-fastest growing sport behind pickleball,” she said. “We’re travelling all over the world. I sponsor Calvin Heimburg, big-name pros. ... We ship to Sweden, Iceland, Estonia, Kyrgyzstan.”

MoonShroom, a Lawrence-based band that described its sound as “grassadelic twang,” was the final act of the night.

The band was a colorful spectacle.

Lead singer Lily B. Moonflower wore a floral dress and pink sunglasses, and each band member had cutesy stuffed mushrooms affixed to their instruments.

Julia Johnson of Wichita sold stickers, hats, and beer cozies for MoonShroom from a table barely bigger than her chair.

“I was going to be at that table,” she said, gesturing toward a folding table bearing an electric fan, “but that became the fan table.”

The fan, a preventative measure against bugs, worked well to keep swarms away as MoonShroom took to the stage.

Johnson met Moonflower in high school in De Soto, she said, and was dating upright bass player Zach Bozeman.

Moonflower herself was married to dobro player Jake Keegan.

Her cooing voice lured spectators closer to the stage.

“This is about wood, moonshine, and airplanes,” she said.

As night fell upon the lake, the band began to play.

THC: State orders THC drinks off store shelves but sets no deadline

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less than 0.3% THC. This is a very narrow category of beverages, and the burden is on the retailer to make certain the product is legal if it’s on their shelves.”

KBI’s decision, she said, is based on the Commercial In-

dustrial Hemp Act, which limits THC concentration in non-marijuana products to not more than 0.3%.

“We communicated to the beverage wholesalers industry that these products were illegal and causing concern, and warned that enforcement ac-

tion may be coming,” Underwood said.

She said she would not provide information about the timing or details of any enforcement action KBI might take but said whether to file charges for selling the drinks would be left to local prosecutors.

A week ago, representatives from the beverage wholesale industry, KBI director Tony Mattivi, and attorney general Kris Kobach met to discuss the legality of THC beverages.

Marion police took THC beverages from Carlsons’ Grocery two weeks ago in the belief

the drinks were illegal, then returned the merchandise to the store six days later on the recommendation of County Attorney Michelle Brown.

Store co-owner Greg Carlson said Tuesday that the products continued to sell well.

Despite beverage wholesalers meeting with the attorney general and KBI officials, Carlson said he had heard nothing more from his distributor, City Beverage, which contends the products are legal.

History comes alive at Threshing Days



Stetson Silkknitter, 4, watches a model train whiz past while train owner Billy Hamm talks to Stetson's great-grandfather, Joe Hinz.

By **PHYLLIS ZORN**
Staff writer

Visitors to Goessel's Country Threshing Days over the weekend got a look at equipment used by early area farmers and had a chance to explore other old-time experiences.

This year's featured tractors were Massey Ferguson and Massey Harris.

Massey Ferguson was formed in 1953. Massey Harris was a predecessor, formed in 1891 when the Massey Manufacturing Co. merged with A. Harris, Son and Co. to form Massey-Harris.

Looking as if he'd driven straight from the field to the display yard, Goessel farmer Matt Voth brought his Massey Ferguson to the event.

He hadn't realized his tractor was in the featured category until Thursday evening. Otherwise, he said, he would have cleaned it up.

Burns resident Rodney Koehn brought a 20-horsepower Bessemer oil field engine.

It's part of a collection of Model A and Model T Fords, a 1929 John Deere tractor, a 1929 John Deere general purpose tractor, a McCormick Deering 10-20 tractor, a 1926 Ramely oil pull, and multiple single-cylinder engines.

"A lot of this old stuff doesn't mean anything, so I share it with my friends," Koehn said.

Every July 4, he and his wife set up a display for relatives and



STAFF PHOTOS BY PHYLLIS ZORN

Driver Chuck Rude and breeder Gary Penner take Threshing Day participants for rides led by Penner's Percherons.

friends, but it has ended up being a lot of work for his wife.

"This is for the grandkids more than anything else," Koehn said.

Three horse-drawn wagons circled the festival, taking on passengers for rides.

Breeder Gary Penner brought a pair of Percherons to pull a wagon driven by Chuck Rude of Lone Pine Stables, north of Rose Hill.

In the vendor area, Billy Hamm of McPherson operated a O-gauge train set that he

and his brother, Ryan Hamm, own.

The cars are from a 1985 Lionel set and include a coal tender car that makes noise as it "tends" the coal.

Not only did the Hamms' freight train set circle the track. So did a "Thomas and Friends" engine.

Hamm has been in love with train sets for years.

"Ever since my brother brought them home, and that had to be about 30 years ago," he said.

He operated his toy railroad

in a vendor barn to give children something to do while their parents visited vendor booths.

He's missed being at Threshing Days only once.

Elsewhere on the grounds, sawmill and large engine displays were fired up so visitors could see them in operation.

Besides equipment displays, the festival included a parade, German meals, children's activities, a pedal pull, threshing, draft horse and field demonstrations, steam tractor demonstrations, and vendors.

Corn harvest could be 'special'

By **FINN HARTNETT**
Staff writer

Corn harvest is more than a month away, but extension agent Rickey Roberts is willing to go out on a limb: "This year, the corn has a chance to be special."

Conditions have been good for corn, with rain throughout the summer, according to Nathan Barney, who works at Agri Trails Co-op in Tampa and Durham.

"Some places have been getting more rain than others," he said Tuesday, "but every time it acted like it was going to be hot and dry, we'd kind of catch a break and it would cool down and rain."

Roberts said the number of farmers growing corn has increased over the past decade.

"It's an economic shift," he said. "In my opinion, what we have done is taken acres away from wheat and put it into corn."

Growing corn is risky. It's more expensive to maintain and more vulnerable to pests than wheat. At the moment, it's also selling for less than wheat, Barney said.

But the payoff is pronounced. Corn can yield more than double the number of bushels per acre that wheat does — 100 to 150 in a good year.

"The potential for corn can



Corn like this at K-256 and 190th Rd. is beginning to dry.

be tremendous," Roberts said. "When it's good, it's what I call a home run crop."

Farmers will pray for dry conditions for the next few weeks before harvest begins in September. Employees at the grain elevators are moving wheat around to make room for the crop.

Hail, wind, and heavy rain this time of year can damage the corn's quality and make harvest difficult. Storms simi-

larly delayed wheat harvest earlier this summer.

"The crop's not in the bin yet," Roberts said. "There's still room for something to go wrong."

But Roberts and Barney agreed that, at the moment, things are looking good.

"Every farmer needs bushels to sell," Roberts said. "This year, we're going to have bushels."

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ACCIDENTS

REPORTED

These accident reports were released this past week by law enforcement agencies:

HIGHWAY PATROL

K-15 north of 70th Rd.

Northbound motorcyclist Elisha D. Guest, 50, Newton, was seriously injured at 1:40 p.m. Thursday when a southbound 2002 Honda Civic driven by 18-year-old Zane A. Stephens of Goessel inexplicably crossed the centerline and collided with her Indian Chieftain Horse motorcycle.

Guest, who was wearing a helmet, was rushed to Wesley Medical Center in critical condition.

Stephens, who was not wearing a seatbelt, also was taken to Wesley with what a state trooper characterized as a suspected minor injury.

Traffic was redirected for nearly an hour.

SHERIFF

US-50 east of Sunflower Rd.

Trying to remove a bug that flew in to his eye, Johnny C. Echols, 67, Grenada, Mississippi, swerved his eastbound 2018 Freightliner Cascadia semi-trailer truck into the westbound lane at 3:05 p.m. July 27 and side-swiped a 2019 Freightliner Cascadia owned and driven by Robert D. Metzgerth Jr., 55, Clearwater, according to one of five accident reports released Friday by the sheriff's department.

Both semis remained drivable with damage along their driver's sides.

Deputy Jesse Raney's report states that Metzgerth was injured but contains no indication of his being taken to a hospital.

Raney blamed the accident on distracted driving. No tickets were listed as being issued.

Kanza Rd. north of 180th Rd.

Sixteen-year-old Jackson A. Kleiber of rural Hillsboro lost control of a 2005 Ram 350 pickup at 6:27 p.m. July 28 and drove it into a ditch, where it tipped onto its side.

The pickup, owned by Adam M. Kleiber of the same address, sustained disabling damage to its entire passenger side and was towed.

Deputy Peyton Heidebrecht's report does not offer an explanation of why the driver lost control.

Timber Rd. at 50th Rd.

Robert D. Kyle, 58, rural Peabody, hit a deer at 5:55 a.m. July 29 with his 2019 Ford F-250.

The pickup remained drivable with damage across its front.

K-15 south of 140th Rd.

Attempting to change music on his smart phone, 16-year-old Reymundo H. Ayala of Wichita lost control of his 2009 Dodge Ram 1500 at 3:47 p.m. July 29.

The pickup veered across the highway and into the opposite ditch, hitting a culvert and sustaining disabling damage to its entire driver's side. It was towed.

Oscar Quintarille, 41, whose address was not listed on deputy Bruce Burke's report, was a passenger.

Burke blamed the wreck on distracted driving. No tickets were listed as being issued.

US-50 near Nighthawk Rd.

One of two semis stopped for unspecified reasons in the roadway at 6:53 p.m. July 30 rolled backward and into the front of the other.

The front semi, a 2000 International 9900 owned by Thomsen and Sons of LeRoy and driven by Randall D. McDaniel, 60, of Welda, was not damaged, according to deputy Joshua Meliza's report.

But the rear semi, a 2025 Kenworth T680 owned by Transportation Specialists of Omaha and driven by Edmundo Marquez, 45, of Sawyer, sustained disabling damage to its undercarriage and was towed.

Meliza blamed the wreck on inattentive driving by McDaniel. No tickets were listed as being issued.

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Sonic Drive-In

The top of a 2019 Ford 750 box truck owned by Thrasher Inc. of Papillion, Nebraska, and driven by Michael W. McQueen, 23, of Wichita scraped the bottom of a pickup window awning at 7:20 p.m. Thursday at Sonic Drive-In, 700 Western Heights Circle.

CIVIL

DIVISION CASES

This information was filed last week in civil division of district court. If no address is listed, no address was available.

Jon and Amanda Gehrke were ordered July 24 to pay Newton Healthcare Corp. \$930.20 plus costs and interest for unpaid medical bills.

Kaylee Lopez was ordered July 22 to pay Marion County \$621 plus costs and interest for an unspecified debt.

Ethel and Ronald Hiebert were ordered July 25 to pay Newton Healthcare Corp. \$228.20 plus costs and interest for unpaid medical bills.

Carey Lueker was ordered July 25 to pay Midland Credit Management \$228.20 plus costs and interest for unpaid credit card bills.

Jack and Lavon Martin were ordered July 24 to pay Newton Healthcare Corp. \$1,196.08 plus costs and interest for unpaid medical bills.

Kaylee and Conner Nightingale were ordered July 25 to pay Newton Healthcare Corp. \$1,345.92 plus costs and interest for unpaid medical bills.

Luis M. Rodriguez was ordered July 24 to pay Newton Healthcare Corp. \$121 plus costs and interest for unpaid medical bills.

Barbara Lynn Rothchild was ordered July 24 to pay Newton Healthcare Corp. \$179.13 plus costs and interest for unpaid medical bills.

Nathan Simhiser was ordered to pay Capital One \$6,269.48 plus costs and interest for unpaid credit card bills.

First Branch Mortgage won foreclosure July 23 of property at 603 Chestnut St., Peabody, owned by Heather and Andrew Wapelhorst. The bank also won an unpaid balance of \$204,288.15 plus costs and interest.

COUNTY JAIL

ARRESTS AND BOOKINGS

This jail roster was obtained Tuesday from the jail's inmate listing system.

NEW JAILINGS

Blake A. Albright, 18, Manhattan, arrested Sunday by a sheriff's deputy on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Released three hours later after posting a \$2,500 bond.

Joshua L. Friesen, 42, Hillsboro, jailed July 29 for failing to appear in court. Released 40 minutes later after posting a \$5,000 bond. Previously jailed April 23 to 24 on suspicion of possessing stimulants and drug paraphernalia and March 19 to 21, 2022, on court orders.

Brandon A. Reel, 45, Goddard, arrested Saturday by a sheriff's deputy on suspicion of domestic battery and disorderly conduct. Released two hours later after posting a \$2,500 bond.

Jordan S. Simmons, 28, Hillsboro, arrested Thursday by Marion police on suspicion of violating an order of protection from abuse. Released 14 hours later after posting a \$2,500 bond. Previously jailed July 27 and 28 on suspicion of stalking.

Todd P. Singley, 48, Newton, jailed July 30 for allegedly violating his probation. Released 46 hours later after posting a \$5,000 bond. Previously jailed seven times for a total of all or part of 111 days between May 15, 2022, and Feb. 23, 2025. Previous jailings were on suspicion of aggravated battery, for failing to appear in court, on court orders four times, and for allegedly violating his probation another time.

FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS

Joshua A. Bradley, 40, Sylvan Grove, jailed since June 27.

William T. Dies, 38, Hillsboro, since July 23.

Matthew W. Dudte, 52, Canton, Dec. 19, 2023.

Ernest L. Edens, 50, no address given, May 20, 2024.

Javell Q. Evans, 22, Wichita, July 23.

Joseph E. Fiedler, 28, Wichita, July 7.

Paul A. Huddleston, 27, Marion, March 29.

Richard T. Litton, 39, Peabody, Oct. 20.

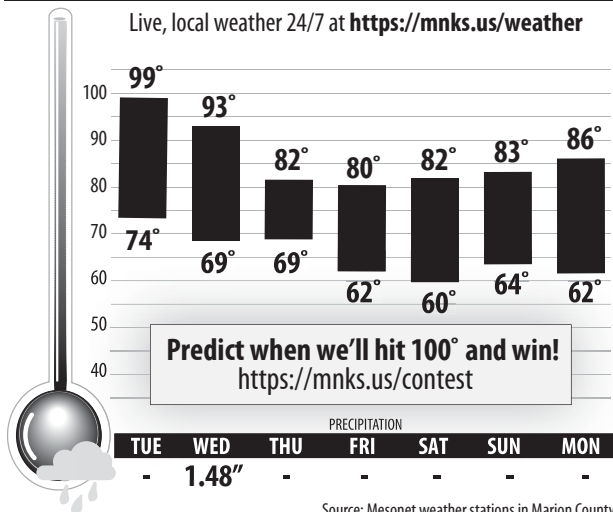
James R.A. McColl, 52, Lehigh, Jan. 19.

Nicholas C. Peterson, 41, Peabody, June 5.

Eric C. Pettit, 42, Galva, Feb. 14.

Dustin D. Rodgers, 50, Hillsboro, July 28.

WEATHER



Bane L. Spurlin, 21, Hillsboro, March 28.

Brandon S. Toon, 40, Arkansas City, Nov. 13.

Athen J. Turner, 24, Loveland, Colorado, Jan. 31.

Christopher L. Walker, 19, Hillsboro, May 23.

Levi S. Wiley, 38, Wichita, July 22.

CRIMINAL

DIVISION CASES

This information was filed last week in criminal division of district court. If no address is listed, no address was available on court records or from jail booking records.

Joseph E. Fiedler, 28, Wichita, was sentenced July 22 to six months in prison for two counts of vehicle burglary and two counts of theft. He was ordered to pay \$388.

Konner Rowden-Stum pleaded no contest July 18 to theft and three counts of criminal use of a financial card and was ordered to pay \$1,466.38.

Joshua J. Smalley, 41, Peabody, pleaded no contest July 22 to attempted unlawful request for emergency service and attempted interference with law enforcement.

Levi Slade Wiley, 38, Wichita, was sentenced Thursday to 18 months in jail for probation violation.

DEEDS

RECORDED

These deeds were reported last week as recorded by the register of deeds. Property addresses come from appraisal records. Agricultural property descriptions use common road references derived from appraisal records.

Jeff D. Suderman, trustee, to Jeff D. Suderman, trustee deed to 78.04 acres southwest of 160th and Old Mill Rds.

Jeff D. Suderman, trustee, to Angie Roberson, trustee deed to 78.04 acres south of 160th Rd. between Nighthawk and Old Mill Rds.

Jeff D. Suderman, trustee, to Kelli Suderman, trustee deed to 133.05 southwest of 130th and Kanza Rds. and 79 acres northwest of Kanza and 130th Rds.

Jeff D. Suderman, trustee, to Micki Watson, trustee deed to 79 acres west of Kanza Rd. between 130th and 140th Rds.

Donald and Dawn Hett to Donald R. Hett and Dawn D. Hett Living Trust, undivided half interest in 154.65 acres west of Sunflower Rd. between 120th and 140th Rds.

Eric L. and Tami L. Driggers to themselves as trustees, 951 190th Rd.

In separate transactions, Dalene Tharp, trustee, trustee deed to Dalene Tharp, then Dalene Tharp, transfer-on-death warranty deed to Vincent J. and Blair R. Tharp, 321 S. Thorp St., Marion.

Chad Eric and Ina Gudrun Rust to the Chad Eric Rust Revocable Trust and the Ina Gudrun Rust Revocable Trust, 1224 Alamo Rd.

Jame B. Scott and Jessie H. Talkington to Linda Robinson and Nathan

Brenzikofer, quitclaim deed to 315 W. Marion St. Burns.

Steven and Cheryl A. Carr to Logan R. Carr, quitclaim deed to 302 W 11th St., Florence.

Brian Sturgeon to Jessica L. and Clayton D. Moore, quitclaim deed to 413 S. 4th St., Marion.

Amanda L. and Michael E. Irving to Jose Escobar, 711 N. Vine St., Peabody.

Marty R. Fredrickson to Joshua R. and Alison K. Tachman, 1000 Tanglewood St., Marion.

Krishyn Lee and Tim Caldwell to Ryan Chavez, 601 E. 3th St., Peabody.

Kevin Smith by power-of-attorney and Emily Utugov to Brycen Willhite, 612 N. Vine St., Peabody.

EMERGENCY

DISPATCHES

Broadcasts about these fire and ambulance calls were monitored this past week by the newspaper:

JULY 29

1:26 a.m. — An 86-year-old woman with chest pain and atrial fibrillation at a home in the 100 block of N. 4th St. in Marion was taken to St. Luke Hospital, Marion, by Marion ambulance. An ambulance supervisor initially responded as well but was told he would not be needed.

8:20 a.m. — A 90-year-old man who may have suffered a stroke at a farmhouse on 47th Terr. west of Bee Rd. was taken by Marion ambulance to Ascension Via Christi St. Francis Hospital, Wichita. Burns first responders were paged but did not answer.

11:18 a.m. — A 53-year-old woman with back pain and cramps in one of her arms at Indian Guide Terrace apartments in Peabody declined to be taken to a hospital by Hillsboro ambulance.

3:28 p.m. — A 79-year-old woman with kidney failure was transferred by Marion ambulance from St. Luke to Wesley Medical Center, Wichita.

4:51 p.m. — A fire alarm at Container Services in Hillsboro was determined by Hillsboro firefighters to have been a false alarm.

6:09 p.m. — Returning from Wesley, Marion ambulance reported directly to St. Luke to transfer another patient — a 53-year-old woman with an unspecified medical condition — to Wesley. The ambulance finally was back at its station at 8:47 p.m.

JULY 30

1:55 a.m. — An 83-year-old woman with possible nerve damage at Peabody Health and Rehab was transferred by Hillsboro ambulance to NMC Health, formerly Newton Medical Center.

3:12 a.m. — With Hillsboro ambulance not yet back from Newton, Marion ambulance was assigned to take to Hillsboro Community Hospital an 89-year-old woman who fell and hurt her head and back at a residence in the 100 block of S. Wilson St. in Hillsboro.

2:24 p.m. — Peabody firefighters were sent to yet another false alarm at Westview Manor, where more than seven false alarms were reported last week.

5:30 p.m. — Peabody firefighters

were dispatched to a vehicle fully engulfed in flames at NE 96th Rd. and NE Lake Rd. in Harvey County. Firefighters arriving also reported a soybean field on fire along US-50 and an error in the address provided via a cell phone alert to them. The fires were extinguished within 35 minutes.

6:32 p.m. — Peabody firefighters reported that an Evergy utility pole snapped, dragging down power lines at 9th and Vine Sts. in Peabody during high winds and heavy rain.

10:29 p.m. — An 82-year-old man who fell at a farmhouse just south of US-56 and K-256 was taken to St. Luke by Marion ambulance.

THURSDAY

1:42 p.m. — Two people injured in a car-motorcycle accident on K-15 north of 70th Rd. were taken to Wesley by Hillsboro and Hesston ambulances. Marion ambulance was called but was not fully staffed at the time. Goessel firefighters provided initial care, cleared the roadway, and directed traffic for more than an hour. They also reported that a baby was picked up by another vehicle that arrived at the scene. The baby was not in the car involved in the wreck. A helicopter ambulance initially was dispatched but was not needed. Tampa ambulance initially was told to stand by in Hillsboro, then to report to the accident, and finally to stand by in Hillsboro in case of additional calls. It remained there until 4:45 p.m. when Hillsboro firefighters returned and restocked.

2:41 p.m. — A report of odor and haze thought to be from an electrical fire at a residence in the 100 block of S. Lincoln St. in Hillsboro was determined by Hillsboro firefighters to be caused by a transformer in an alley behind the house.

FRIDAY

1:29 a.m. — A woman in her 80s who fell out of bed at a Parkside Homes duplex in Hillsboro was helped up by Hillsboro ambulance attendants. She declined to be taken to a hospital.

6:06 a.m. — An emotionally disturbed 26-year-old woman who swallowed "a bunch of pills" for sleeping and nightmares at an apartment in the 600 block of E. Marion St. in Goessel was examined by Goessel first responders until Hillsboro ambulance arrived at 6:25 a.m. and took her to HCH.

10:23 a.m. — An 84-year-old man who fainted and fell in a cemetery behind Ebenfeld Mennonite Brethren Church on Kanza Rd. was taken to HCH by Hillsboro ambulance.

11:34 a.m. — A 24-year-old woman with imbalanced electrolytes was transferred from St. Luke to Wesley by a backup ambulance based in Marion.

SATURDAY

8:43 a.m. — Hillsboro ambulance headed to Goessel for the Threshing Days parade, returning to Hillsboro at 10:28 a.m.

11:18 a.m. — A fire alarm at the fine arts building on the Tabor College campus was attributed by Hillsboro firefighters to use of a smoke machine by a film crew in the building.

4:51 p.m. — A 75-year-old man with back pain at an unspecified apartment within Grand Oaks Apartments in Hillsboro was taken to HCH by Hillsboro ambulance. Hillsboro firefighters helped lift the patient.

10:58 p.m. — Despite being evaluated as being in potentially serious condition, a 74-year-old woman having chest pains and trouble breathing after being involved in a wreck on US-56 west of Limestone Rd. declined to be taken to a hospital by Hillsboro ambulance.

SUNDAY

7:49 a.m. — A 66-year-old man, weak, vomiting, and with a high fever in the 200 block of N. Vine St. in Peabody was taken to NMC Health by a backup ambulance based in Marion. The call initially was assigned to Hillsboro ambulance, which switched the call to Marion ambulance.

1:41 p.m. — A 62-year-old woman who fell and hit her nose on a small

concrete block inside a home in the 100 block of S. Cedar St. in Hillsboro was taken to HCH by Hillsboro ambulance. Hillsboro firefighters helped lift the woman.

9:17 p.m. — An anxious southbound driver on US-56/77, fearful of not reaching St. Luke in time with a 70-year-old woman having extreme abdominal pain, was told to stop at MFA Oil in Lincolnville and rendezvous with a Lincolnville first responder and a backup ambulance based in Marion to complete the trip. The ambulance reached St. Luke at 9:59 p.m.

MONDAY

1:33 a.m. — Diagnosed as suffering from sepsis, the 70-year-old woman brought in from US-56/77 was transferred by Marion ambulance from St. Luke to Salina Regional Health Center.

8:07 a.m. — A 48-year-old woman with a history of aneurism and feeling "tingly" in the 700 block of W. Grand Ave. declined to be taken to a hospital by Hillsboro ambulance, summoned by police.

8:42 a.m. — A backup ambulance based in Marion was dispatched to transfer a 67-year-old woman with sepsis from St. Luke to Wesley.

8:50 a.m. — Having not yet started its transfer, the backup ambulance was diverted to help a 63-year-old woman who fell at Homestead Affordable Housing, Marion. After attendants helped her up, she declined to be taken to a hospital, and the ambulance proceeded with its delayed transfer at 9:13 a.m.

7:06 p.m. — Hillsboro ambulance was dispatched to an apartment in the 900 block of E. B St. for a 55-year-old man seeking pain medication for a sprained ankle and help changing clothes after a fall the day before. An ambulance supervisor also responded, and Hillsboro firefighters were called to help lift the man, who was taken to HCH.

OFFENSES

REPORTED

These offense reports were released this past week by law enforcement agencies:

HILLSBORO

Theft, identity fraud, giving a worthless check, driving with an expired license

Two people from Wichita used a check that bounced and later was determined to have been altered along with a canceled, suspended, or revoked driver's license to purchase a \$684 chain saw July 24 from Ag Power, 603 Orchard Dr.

The alleged crimes were reported Friday and referred to the county attorney for possible prosecution.

POLICE

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Law enforcement agencies provided these reports of their activities this past week. Routine activities such as patrols, inspections, training, report-writing, and assistance to other agencies are excluded. Dates may reflect starting or ending dates of officers' shifts rather than actual dates of occurrence.

HILLSBORO

July 28 — A report of an illegally parked vehicle was investigated.

July 29 — Police patrolled Tabor College on foot, helped the Department of Children and Families with an investigation, and helped a parent locate a child who had not returned home.

July 30 — A trespassing issue was discussed in the 200 block of Date St., and a trespassing notice was issued in the 100 block of N. Lincoln St. Drivers were warned for an equipment violation in the 400 block of S. Cedar St. and ticketed for having an expired license in the 300 block of W. Grand Ave.

Thursday — A confused elder-

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MARION COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

tinue consideration of this matter to a future date without further notice. Dated this 1st day of August, 2025 /s/ Sharon Omstead
Sharon Omstead, Secretary

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DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAX LIST

Notice is hereby given that on the first Tuesday of September 2025, I will as County Treasurer of Marion County, KS, and by accordance with KSA 79-2303, bid in for Marion County KS, at the County Treasurer's office in the City of Marion, Marion County, KS, all the following described Real Estate property for the Delinquent Taxes for the year 2024 plus advertising fees and 14% per annum, or 15% per annum for amounts \$10,000 or more and that no individual bids will be received for the sale. Some names on the list are participants in the county's escrow program and the totals may differ. I regret any embarrassment caused by a Taxpayer whose name appears in the legal publication in error. This is not a public sale but the legal process for redemption of the 2024 taxes.

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Marion County Treasurer

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Brett Unruh & Ashley Unruh: County road (MAR0059E) . 483.80
Expedition Wind LLC: County road (MAR0059M) 25.65
Theodore Turk & Samantha Turk: 340 Coble (MAR0068C) ... 7,177.34
J Rockney & Shirley Jo Hett: 208 Hett Hollow (MAR0100) ... 5,775.32
LJB LLC c/o Linda K Johnson: Ashley Dr (MAR0100A) 47.18
Victor L Buckner: 106 Ashley Dr (MAR0100E) 4,072.55
Victor L Buckner: Ashley Dr (MAR0100F) 79.89
Travis L Ratzloff & Derrick E Ratzloff: 609 S Cedar St (MAR0160) 702.66
Donald L Wilson: E Forest (MAR0187) 49.44
Darryl J & Linda Brewer: S Grant St (MAR0191) 274.10
Linda K Johnson: 127 S Billings St (MAR0192) 232.52
Patrick O Dye & Sarah L Dye: 211 E Main (MAR0216) 1,913.38
Echo L Smith: 410 E Santa Fe St (MAR0251) 1,213.90
Johsanna M Reid: 108 E Santa Fe St (MAR0259) 898.95
Johsanna M Reid: 102 E Santa Fe St (MAR0260) 125.18
William G Burton & Charlotte Burton: 219 N 2nd (MAR0262) 615.09
Jonathan Ramirez & Leora M Ramirez H/W: 214 E Main St (MAR0276) 2,481.69
S&S Medspa LLC: 308 E Main (MAR0285) 1,763.95
Gary T Savage & Cristy Savage: 218 N 3rd St (MAR0303) . 1,069.29
Delilah Belshe: 202 Miller St (MAR0314) 727.98
Bryan Grosse: 314 N 3rd St (MAR0323) 216.01
James E Willis & Cheryl E Willis: 815 E Main St (MAR0330) ... 989.14
Casey & Angela Snow H/W Jt: 809 E Main St (MAR0334) 2,464.20
Casey & Angela Snow H/W: 110 S Lincoln St (MAR0335) 94.06
M Lisa Wildin-Anderson: 820 E Main St (MAR0337) 1,860.15
Dennis Dawson Sharon Dawson: 410 N Lincoln (MAR0373) 2,973.01
John R & Mary T Griffith: 509 N Cedar St (MAR0380) 552.55
John R & Mary T Griffith H/W: 810 E Hudson St (MAR0385) 56.42
Gale L & Nanette Jean Lowry: 201 N Locust St (MAR0465) ... 2,048.86
Kevin Dasenbrock & Lauren Dasenbrock: 610 E Sherman (MAR0499) 763.95
Charlotte A & Chris G Coleman W/H: 145 N Roosevelt St (MAR0503) 1,106.27
Richard Blount: 135 N Roosevelt St (MAR0505) 419.79
David Roberts c/o Diana Myers: 328 N Cedar (MAR0541) . 1,642.72
Henry G Ethem: 910 E Hudson (MAR0558) 931.26
Henry G Ethem: 502 N Cedar (MAR0559) 92.70
Manuel Aviles: 520 N Cedar (MAR0564A) 551.17
Felicitas Luise Dye c/o Patrick Dye: 403 N Freeborn (MAR0579) 481.19
Sheila Williams: 415 N Freeborn (MAR0580) 2,642.02
Manuel Aviles: 210 N Roosevelt (MAR0605) 475.51
Paul Morrison: 135 N Freeborn St (MAR0610) 501.15
“Restricted”: 116 N Roosevelt St (MAR0618) 807.73
Michelle Gooding: 404 N Freeborn St (MAR0660) 302.51
Linda Kay Brewer: 129 W Santa Fe St (MAR0683) 947.57
James B Williams: 211 N 1st St (MAR0714) 916.86
Bryan Grosse: 214 W Santa Fe (MAR0730) 119.82
Bryan Grosse: 216 W Santa Fe St (MAR0731) 94.69
Bryan Grosse: 220 W Santa Fe St (MAR0732) 1,246.22
I Marlene Wright: W Santa Fe St (MAR0740) 166.79

Steven J Hart & Melinda M Hart: 548 W Santa Fe St (MAR0752) 2,399.63
Dale W & Joni M Riemann: 100 W Washington St (MAR0755) 974.27
Elizabeth Pearson & Danyal Hamm: 115 Washington (MAR0756) 1,387.33
Kenneth Fisher: Jefferson St (MAR0767) 67.41
Jackie W & Deborah L Shelton H/W: 402 N Walnut St (MAR0781) 1,005.44
Terry Looney: N Walnut St (MAR0786) 35.10
Terry Looney: 415 N Walnut St (MAR0788) 730.66
Charles S Park: 341 S 4th St (MAR0817) 587.71
Julie A Scheideman: 310 S 1st St (MAR0828) 300.56
Julie A Scheideman: 314 S 1st St (MAR0829) 1,791.88
Thomas E Essex: 403 S 3rd St (MAR0835) 502.43
Daniel R Spohn & Terry L Looney: 204 E Maple St (MAR0841) 126.32
Mike T Loomis: County road (MAR0848RR) 279.47
Loretta Looney: 516 S 3rd St (MAR0861A) 597.60
Daniel R Spohn & Terry L Looney: S 3rd St (MAR0867) 81.80
Donald L Wilson: 126 E Forest (MAR0872) 462.59
Delilah Belshe: E Forest (MAR0877) 50.34
Donald L Wilson: 127 E Forest (MAR0877A) 301.80
Sherry L Hess & Keith A Hess: 124 S Lincoln (MAR0887) 530.27
Marande S Hett: 129 S Freeborn St (MAR0918) 903.44
Stanley A & Barbara L Harms: 121 S Freeborn St (MAR0920) 1,250.88
Manuel Aviles: 210 S Cedar (MAR0953) 278.13
Trevor W Smith: 212 S Cedar (MAR0954) 2,177.81
J Kendall Allison & Jacqueling Osborne c/o Jon K Allison: 225 S Roosevelt (MAR0959) ... 1,310.84
Richard P Blount: 413 S Roosevelt St (MAR1056) 485.36
Stuart Parks: 407 S Roosevelt St (MAR1057) 549.58
Richard Paul Blount: 310 S Lincoln St (MAR1075) 382.05
Bryce A Shults: 316 S Lincoln St (MAR1076) 1,470.12
Terry L Looney: 321 S Cedar St (MAR1078) 696.57
Terry Looney: 319 S Cedar St (MAR1079) 574.48
Margie Ann & Jerry Eugene Tajchman: 415 N 3rd St (MAR1089A) 2,368.57
Victoria Buckner: 123 S Billings St (MAR1119) 554.74
Andrew B Aames: 122 S Billings (MAR1125) 504.29
Darryl J & Linda K Brewer: 316 S Grant St (MAR1138) 764.60
Bryan Grosse: 432 Arbor St (MAR1146A) 498.92
Jamie Hunt: 505 W Cleveland (MAR1160) 663.49
Derik K Newman: 319 S Grant St (MAR1168) 430.13
Thomas Richmond & Eula Richmond H/W: 331 S 1st (MAR1202) 1,135.42
R2 Real Estate Holdings LLC: 1015 E Melvin St (MAR1228) ... 3,486.28
Tamlette V Pouncil: 908 E Melvin (MAR1236) 911.16
Floyd Myers Sr & Laura L Myers H/W: 529 S Roosevelt St (MAR1237) 1,130.40
Darrel A Tajchman: 904 E Highland St (MAR1248) 808.29
Richard P Blount: 623 S Roosevelt St (MAR1252) 267.57
Bryan T Grosse: 656 N Cedar St (MAR1271) 463.10
Bryan Grosse & Christopher Helmer: 700 N Cedar St (MAR1271C) 1,021.30
James B Williams: 704 N Cedar St (MAR1273) 1,045.64
Donna Bryant & Daniel W Sherbert: 131 S Thorp (MAR1281) 7,179.23
John Rockney & Shirley Jo Hett: County road (MAR1382) ... 654.60
John Rockney & Shirley Jo Hett: County road (MAR1383) . 1,030.25
John Rockney & Shirley Jo Hett: County road (MAR1383A) ... 16.70
John Rockney & Shirley Jo Hett: County road (MAR1384) . 1,244.47
Wags & Wiggles Furever Inc c/o Victor Buckner: 1404 Flint Rock (MAR1414) 954.75
Riley Wagner & Courtney Wagner: 800 S Coble St (MAR1426) 344.75
Riley Wagner & Courtney Wagner: S Coble St (MAR1428) 18.07
PEABODY CITY
Pease Family Farm Welding LLC: 203 S Maple (PEC0006A) 1,916.77
Daniel Hauserman II: 509 E 2nd (PEC0021) 121.91
Ronnie E Madsen: 206 N Locust (PEC0042) 639.29
Tammy R Whiteside & Rosalene I Thomason: 209 N Plum (PEC0055) 582.27
Carmelita Findley c/o Curtis Findley: S Olive (PEC0059) ... 53.41
Douglas Patton: W 1st (PEC0060) 85.37
James Leon Findley: 116 S Olive (PEC0075) 719.86
Dorothea I Heinemann c/o Douglas Cole: 211 W 1st (PEC0079) 848.64
William Reynolds Stringfellow: 205 S Olive (PEC0091) 231.91
Adrian Sanchez-Contreras: 207 S Olive (PEC0092) 255.46
Patti L Richter & Sienna Sutton: 205 W 1st (PEC0109) 1,066.13

Virginia A Skinner: 201 N Vine (PEC0116) 34.43
Cynthia M Unruh: 203 W 2nd (PEC0117) 718.82
John E Brandon & Treveor Dillon Brandon: 212 N Vine (PEC0136) 699.28
Firefly Enterprises LLC: 103 N Walnut (PEC0151) 1,006.25
Kelly E & Mark A Penner: 105 N Walnut (PEC0152) 1,003.92
Peabody Main Street Association: 107 N Walnut (PEC0153) 652.71
Peabody Main Street Association: 109 N Walnut (PEC0154) . 4,072.75
Baker Lofts LLC: 117 N Walnut (PEC0158) 534.06
Stephen L Waite: 215 N Walnut (PEC0167) 3,159.69
Peabody Legion Post #95: 108 N Walnut (PEC0175) 192.85
Darren Weems & Catherine A Weems: 103 E 2nd (PEC0203) 491.80
Austin Reynolds: 202 N Sycamore (PEC0211) 631.41
Peggy L Phillips c/o Leslie Thouvenell: 206 N Sycamore (PEC0213) 2,083.90
Jeanne Henry & Julia Mosqueda: 105 N Maple (PEC0223) ... 272.20
Elizabeth Mary Gott: 109 N Maple (PEC0225) 911.79
Darren Weems & Catherine Weems: 201 N Maple (PEC0228) 248.59
Darcy Pease: 202 N Elm (PEC0249) 748.60
Brent Paquette: 207 N Pine (PEC0258) 799.75
Mary E Graham: 209 N Pine (PEC0259) 862.22
Angel Torres: 206 N Pine (PEC0262) 702.66
David Pickens & Lori Pickens: 802 N Peabody (PEC0329) 185.29
David N Blickenstaff: 803 N Chestnut (PEC0330) 435.43
Cheryl L Frederick et al: 805 N Poplar (PEC0333) 359.55
Kelsie Glenn & Dustin Glenn: 803 N Poplar (PEC0334) 376.09
Christina Pease: 811 N Plum (PEC0347) 338.64
Elizabeth A Clark: 810 N Locust (PEC0353) 496.03
Devon McGonigal: 812 N Vine (PEC0374A) 323.35
Gary Trusty & Deanna Jone- Trusty: 804 N Walnut (PEC0379) 470.69
Angela D Doty: 701 N Elm (PEC0413) 1,271.87
Mary Jane Girard: 701 N Sycamore (PEC0427) 1,231.56
Jeanne Henry & Julia Mosqueda: 710 N Walnut (PEC0430) ... 126.25
Chris Litton: 711 N Walnut (PEC0431) 397.80
Pandea M Smith: 707 N Walnut (PEC0432) 928.76
Jessica Hauserman: 107 W 6th (PEC0435) 1,153.72
Tonny Del Vecchio: 109 W 6th (PEC0436) 1,643.94
Teresa Brant: 711 N Olive (PEC0450) 463.67
Kevin S Lago & Stacy L Lago: 706 N Locust (PEC0460) 815.60
Regina Miler: 708 N Poplar (PEC0468) 510.51
Audrey B Unger c/o Alan D Gillen: 712 N Poplar (PEC0469) ... 126.89
Jessica Hauserman: 601 N Poplar (PEC0486) 1,188.56
Debbie J Johnson: 601 N Locust (PEC0496) 72.49
Angela Dawn Menjivar: 604 N Poplar (PEC0497) 940.30
Christopher R Frye: 610 N Poplar (PEC0498) 788.82
April N Fore: 604 N Locust (PEC0502) 367.94
Allan Karanu: 602 N Olive (PEC0514) 231.23
Michael Eason Jr: 606 N Olive (PEC0515) 246.41
Osiris Gamiochippi: 603 N Walnut (PEC0522) 1,617.91
Karen N Fleischer: 602 N Walnut (PEC0529) 1,653.71
Roger Romero: 610 N Walnut (PEC0532) 217.21
Gary Dunnahoo: 601 N Elm (PEC0544) 243.24
Gary & Laura Dunnahoo: 602 N Elm (PEC0550) 1,031.96
Gary & Laura Dunnahoo H/W: 606 N Elm (PEC0551) 102.22
Jamie Joe Hunt: 602 E 5th (PEC0560) 689.75
James E & Ranita Lynn Brown: 511 N Elm (PEC0565) 1,312.15
Michael D & Shannon L Denardi: 501 N Elm (PEC0568) 579.55
Zachary R Thackson & Ashley M King: 502 N Maple (PEC0569) 352.34
Margie Blaine: 506 N Vine (PEC0598) 785.26
Brian W & Jeanine M Becker H/W: 610 W 5th (PEC0628A) 1,625.82
Brian & Tammy Whiteside c/o Peabody State Bank: 406 N Peabody (PEC0631) 1,266.66
Toby & Melinda Trevvett H/W: 412 N Peabody (PEC0632) 1,766.37
Marty Kay Stevenson: 407 N Plum (PEC0640) 374.95
Sara Rimbeay & Rhiannon Rimbeay: 402 N Locust (PEC0644) ... 964.81
Michael R & Frances I Martinez: 409 N Olive (PEC0648) 891.25
Melissa Lieder: 405 N Olive (PEC0650) 533.37
Krystal Mendez-Campos: 400 N Olive (PEC0657) 408.01
Kirk Bornson: 412 N Olive (PEC0661) 853.39
Forrest C Maris: 406 N Sycamore (PEC0680) 2,086.

TAXES: Delinquencies rise 11.5% to record level

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lectively increased the tax bill for the owner of a typical home valued at \$100,000 by more than \$34.50.

The top individual delinquencies belong to:

- Joseph Jerald Pritchett, owing \$18,042.75 on the **Pritchett Twine Net Wrap** property at 120 N. Industrial Rd. in Hillsboro. Pritchett, whose address is listed as being in O'Neill, Nebraska, also owes an additional \$3,009.01 on a residence at 803 E. C St. in Hillsboro.
- LK Bar LLC, in care of Doug Kjellin, owing \$13,153.12 on the former **Donahue Manufacturing** property at 948 290th Rd. in Durham Park Township.
- C Bar S Cattle Co., owing \$9,971.21 on the **Hunt Brothers Horses** property, including a home, multiple buildings, and 314.75 acres at 1858 80th Rd. in Catlin Township. The company also owes an additional \$1,344.26 on three other parcels in the township.
- Hillsboro Properties, owing \$8,633.32 on the **Oakwood Manor** apartment complex at 401 N. Ash St. in Hillsboro. The owner, listed as a company in Madison, Mississippi, also owes \$8,271.34 for 2023, \$8,882.28 for 2022, and \$8,795.62 for 2021. It last paid its property taxes for 2020.

- Travis A. and Dakota Tannahill, owing \$8,011.92 on the **Hillsboro Hunt Ranch** residence and 29.13 acres at 2375 Jade Rd. in Risley Township. Travis Tannahill also owes \$1,736.27 on three other parcels in Risley Township and one in Clark Township,
- Donna Bryant and Daniel W. Sherbert, owing \$7,179.23 on **SherBowl Lanes and Willy J's 9th Lane** at 131 S. Thorp St. in Marion.

For the first time in recent years, Marion took the dubious lead as the city with the greatest number of delinquent parcels and the greatest amount of taxes not paid.

Delinquent taxes on Marion properties, recently reappraised at much higher values, shot up 54.0% to \$104,982.77. The number of delinquent parcels rose 15.9% to 102.

The next largest number of delinquent parcels was 99 (down 11.6%) in Peabody, and the next highest total owed was \$95,771.56 (up 33.0%) in Hillsboro.

CITY	PARCELS	TAX OWED
Burns	30	\$ 17,773.54
Durham	3	1,416.70
Florence	74	46,417.24
Goessel	8	9,180.17
Hillsboro	62	95,771.56
Lehigh City	15	9,850.18
Lincolnvile	16	16,875.07
Lost Springs.....	14	6,363.83
Marion	102	104,982.77
Peabody	99	82,115.23
Ramona	10	7,054.63

- Tampa.....2 1,173.77
- Other property owners with five or more delinquent properties include:
- **Hett Oil and Gas**, 20 properties owing \$4,773.41 total.
 - **Kansas Home Solutions** in care of Felix Ramirez, 13 owing \$8,133.59.
 - **Lyle K. and Ann M. Leppke**, 13 owing \$6,286.77.
 - **John Rockney and Shirley Jo Hett**, 11 owing \$10,958.41.
 - **Edward George Silhan**, 9 owing \$3,798.16.
 - **Bryan Grosse**, 7 owing \$3,660.06.
 - **Gary W. Suderman**, 6 owing \$6,681.14.
 - **Gene Pearson**, 6 owing \$1,142.68.
- Businesses and related organizations other than residential landlords owing more than \$500 include:
- **Peabody Main Street Association**, 107 and 109 N. Walnut St., Peabody, \$4,725.46.
 - Jonathan and Leora Ramirez of the former **Ramirez Auto Sales**, 214 E. Main St., Marion, \$2,481.69.
 - **Pease Family Farm Welding**, 203 S. Maple St., Peabody, \$1,916.77.
 - **S&S Medspa**, 308 E. Main St., Marion, \$1,763.95.
 - Johsanna M. Reid of **JR Hatters**, 102 and 108 E. Santa Fe St., Marion, \$1,024.13.

- **Wags and Wiggles Furever**, 1404 Flint Rock St., Marion, \$954.75. Owner Victor Buckner also owes \$4,152.44 for two parcels on Ashley Dr. in Marion.

- **Baker Lofts**, 117 N. Walnut St., Peabody, \$534.06.

Aside from the sheriff's property, one other "Restricted" property appears on the list.

The property, owing \$1,229.14, is owned by **Trinity and Jessica Snyder**, who have worked as a jailer and a dispatcher in Soyez's department.

Their names had been blanked out in the county's assessor database when the list was generated but seemed to reappear sometime after the *Record* began questioning their exclusion.

The law allowing requests to be excluded from online databases lists many law enforcement occupations that qualify, but jailer and dispatcher are not among the professions listed.

The debts owed by Soyez and the Snyders may be secret, but they aren't the only high-level elected or appointed officials whose paychecks come from property tax revenue but who are delinquent on paying property taxes. Among them are:

- **Peabody Mayor Catherine Weems** and Darren Weems, who owe \$740.39 on properties at 103 E. 2nd St and

206 N. Sycamore St. in Peabody.

- **Marion City Clerk Janet Robinson** and Kevin Robinson, who owe \$686.33 on property at 240 W. 11th St. in Florence.

- **Marion electrical supervisor Steven J. Hart**, one of the city's highest paid workers, and Melinda M. Hart, who owe \$2,399.63 on property at 548 W. Santa Fe St. in Marion.

- **Jailer Tammy Whiteside**, who by herself or with Rosalene L. Thomason or Brian Whiteside owes a total of \$4,159.18 on properties at 1001 N. Vine St., 209 N. Plum St., 406 N. Peabody St., and 310 N. Locust St. in Peabody.

Among townships, Catlin, followed by Durham Park and West Branch, has the biggest dollar amount of delinquencies:

TOWNSHIP	PARCELS	TAX OWED
Catlin	10	\$ 19,886.35
Centre	19	12,464.86
Clark	8	4,754.78
Clear Creek	24	13,622.63
Colfax	4	2,916.33
Doyle	1	37.76
Durham Park	3	15,867.96
East Branch	11	4,907.39
Fairplay	9	5,881.58
Gale	9	6,292.62
Grant	13	10,365.95
Lehigh	7	3,251.62
Liberty	6	5,404.19
Logan	6	5,106.47
Lost Springs.....	8	5,243.01

Menno	7	10,007.35
Milton	2	4,515.88
Moore	4	1,943.06
Peabody	6	1,738.70
Risley	5	10,112.86
Summit	7	5,413.72
West Branch	9	15,042.28
Wilson	11	5,331.60

Although taxes were due half on Dec. 20 and half on May 10, taxpayers had until Friday to avoid being placed on the list being published this week. They now have until Sept. 2 to avoid having their property "bid in" by the county treasurer's office.

If taxes are unpaid for three years, property may be subject to foreclosure at a tax sale even though the county typically does not do so until a property is five years' delinquent, as will now be the case with Oakwood Manor apartments.

Delinquent taxpayers are charged 14% interest on amounts of less than \$10,000 and 15% interest on amounts \$10,000 or more. They also are charged by the county for the cost of publishing their names in the newspaper.

The full list appears in the Classifieds section of this week's paper. It will be republished, as required by law, in each of the next two issues of the paper.

REPORTS: Peabody broke law by failing to publish notices

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cuse for not publishing reports, Kansas Policy Institute chief executive Dave Trabert said.

"It's a legal obligation," Trabert said. "Whoever is paying bills and preparing budgets has the capability to prepare a treasurer's report." (Peabody published its budget on schedule in 2024 and 2025.)

KSA 12-1608 requires third-class cities such as Peabody to publish a treasurer's report in a local newspaper within 30 days of the new year.

KSA 12-1609 states that any treasurer violating KSA 12-1608 shall be charged with a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of \$25 to \$100, jail time of 30 to 90 days, or both.

The law last was modified in 1923; if the fines were adjusted for inflation, they would range from \$480 to \$1,920.

County Attorney Michelle Brown said she would investigate the lapse if it formally was brought to her attention.

"If a law enforcement officer forwards me an affidavit and it

fits the statute, then yes, I will file," she said.

Not publishing the reports raises questions regarding the city's transparency, Trabert said, particularly if the financial books are, by the city's own admission, not balanced properly.

"It could just be sheer negligence, but it certainly raises

concerns in the public if there are some things they just don't want to share," he said.

Weems said the city's books needed to be balanced for the city to produce a treasurer's report at all.

"The report in question is a direct result of balancing and closing out each month," she said.

Marion County similarly failed to publish quarterly treasurer's reports six out of seven times in a period spanning from 2022 to 2024.

County treasurer Susan Berg was battling cancer at the time, and county employees struggled to take over her work before and after Berg died in November 2023.

For the Record

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ly person at Bomgaars was returned to family members. A driver ran into a canopy at Sonic Drive-In. Evidence was transferred to a KBI lab in Great Bend. A report of a break-in proved to be unfounded. A disconnected 911 call from the 100 block of Santa Fe St. was attributed to accidental dialing.

Friday — An altered check was used to buy a chain saw at AgPower. Police helped identify the owner of a vehicle that needed to be moved, briefed a resident on the progress of a case, and found no problems in checking on a resident of the 600 block of W. Grand Ave.

Saturday — Police were unable to catch a dog loose on Main St., stood by during a civil matter in the 300 block of S. Ash St., investigated a disconnected 911 call from the 700 block of E. 1st St., and met with a resident about a landlord-tenant issue. A driver was ticketed for running a stop sign at Ash St. and Grand Ave.

Sunday — Police checked residences on a vacation watch list.

MARION

July 28 — A dog loose in the 200 block of E. Santa Fe St. was taken to a veterinary clinic. Drivers were warned for passing in a no-passing zone near US-56 and Cedar St. and for having a

defective license plate light near US-56 and Timber Rd.

July 29 — Drivers were warned for speeding near US-56 and Cedar St. and near US-56 and Timber Rd.

July 30 — Police talked to a resident about possible harassment and found no problems when checking on a disconnected 911 call from the 1000 block of E. Main St. Drivers were warned for speeding near Main and 4th Sts. and for not using headlights after dark near Main and Lincoln Sts.

Thursday — A non-injury accident was investigated in the 1500 block of E. Main St. A report of the accident has not yet been released. A driver near Main and Roosevelt Sts.

was ticketed for not having child safety restraints, and a passenger was arrested for allegedly violating an order of protection from abuse. A dog loose in the 400 block of Walnut St. was returned to its owner. Police talked to a resident about a civil issue in the 300 block of S. Lincoln St. A driver was warned for having a defective tag light near Main and 2nd Sts.

Friday — An animal complaint in the 200 block of W. Santa Fe St. was investigated.

Saturday — Police provided directions to a person looking for St. Mark Catholic Church.

Sunday — Police and deputies stopped a vehicle on US-77 near 170th

Rd. after receiving a driving complaint. No problems were found in checking on a resident of the 100 block of E. Forest St.

TRAFFIC

DIVISION CASES

This information was filed last week in court. Court costs are included in any fines listed. If no hometown is listed, no address was available on court records.

Nancy C. Berrios, 83 mph in 65 zone July 7, \$201.

Manuel H. Estrada-Gomez, 75 mph in 65 zone July 7, \$153.

Sean P. Hackenberg, 75 mph in 65 zone July 3, \$153.

Li'John Hershberger, 75 mph in 65 zone July 2, \$153.

Ella L. Hurst, 75 mph in 65 zone July 3, \$153.

Kho Reh, 84 mph in 65 zone July 5, \$207.

Makenna A. Schneidewind, 80 mph in 65 zone July 3, \$183.

Michael S. Yedinak, 75 mph in 65 zone July 3, \$153.

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Robert H Raleigh & Mary M Raleigh: 2154 Schlotthauer (GAE0099) 1,339.56

Eugene A Chizek: 1367 250th (GAL0034) 2,036.52

Hett Oil & Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett: (4-G51701100 state assessed) 243.57

Hett Oil & Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett: (4-G51701110 state assessed) 47.12

Hett Oil & Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett: (4-G51701130 state assessed) 127.90

Hett Oil & Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett: (4-G51701150 state assessed) 91.55

GRANT

JA Livestock LLC: County road (GRT0073A) 370.77

Gary W Suderman Revocable Trust: County road (GRT0109) 1,036.04

Gary W Suderman Revocable Trust: County road (GRT0109A) 386.32

Lisa Suderman: County road (GRT0124) 4,596.10

Gary W Suderman Revocable Trust: County road (GRT0124A) 410.34

Gary W Suderman Revocable Trust: County road (GRT0124B) 787.25

Gary W Suderman Revocable Trust: Zebulon (GRT0133) 594.57

Lisa D Suderman: 220th (GRT0133A) 783.97

Darren Diederich & Stacey Diederich: County road (GRT0242A) 574.81

Hett Oil & Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett: (4-G51700900 state assessed) 107.03

Hett Oil & Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett: (4-G51700910 state assessed) 337.05

Hett Oil & Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett: (4-G51700920 state assessed) 281.88

Hett Oil & Gas LLC c/o Mr Tony Hett: (4-G51700930 state assessed) 99.82

LEHIGH

Gary & Delores Prieb Revocable Trust: County road (LET0014) 448.55

Katrina R Hogg & Andrew S Hogg: County road (LET0033A) ... 220.71

Larry & Sandra Poplin Trust c/o Lindon L & Norma J Wasemiller: County road (LET0068A) 155.98

Darren Diederich & Stacey Diedrich: 277 220th (LET0122) 357.95

Ethelda H Dies Lemon & Bob Lemon: 600 Santa Fe (LET0190) 200.37

Ty B Buller & Jacqueline P Buller H/W: County road (LET0251) 788.13

Alyson R Caldwell & Shane Allen Voran: 1910 Diamond (LET0251A) 1,079.93

LIBERTY

Annie Peterson: County road (LIB0051) 35.74

Thomas F Hamilton & Dana D Hamilton: County road (LIB0169A) 1,736.42

Gary W Suderman Revocable Trust: 1529 Limestone (LIB0267) 3,466.62

Allen E Suderman & Verlyn L Suderman: County road (LIB0297) 105.63

Darlene M Lendino c/o Marquita Wright: Rt. 2 (2-LIB0064S) ... 28.35

Stanford G Seibel C/O Nickolas C Seibel: (2-LIB0353S severed mineral interest) 31.43

LOGAN

Galen E & Sara V Crum: 271 350th (LOG0101) 517.37

Brandy S Nichols & Roy A Nichols: 3347 Chisholm Trail (LOG0132) 32.85

Brandy S Nichols & Roy A Nichols: 3347 Chisholm Trail (LOG0132A) 721.18

Brandy S Nichols & Roy A Nichols: County road (LOG0144) 33.62

Heather M & Larry Nichols Jr W/H: County road (LOG0175) .. 1,798.20

Dalton Lloyd Wiebe & Lorna Rose Wiebe: County road (LOG0228) 2,003.25

LOST SPRINGS TWP

Barbara J Gehrke Revocable Trust: 2480 360th (LST0003) 568.54

Donald R & Dana L Cole: 3439 Vista (LST0070) 760.87

Roger A & Jody Will: 1978 340th (LST0095) 2,083.25

Nell Zeiner Est c/o John R Zeiner: County road (LST0118) 31.60

Randall L Ecklund Living Trust: Wagonwheel (LST0128) 35.62

Merle R Ecklund et al: 3361 Wagonwheel (LST0128C) 1,550.57

Kenneth J Shields Trust: 2357 330th (LST0143) 195.08

Andrea Ashby: (2-LST011453 severed mineral interest) 17.48

MENNO

Marilyn E Schmidt: County road (MEN0060) 577.99

Marilyn E Schmidt: County road (MEN0062) 562.32

Marilyn E Schmidt: County road (MEN0068) 296.78

Gerald D Brooks & Billie M Brooks: 638 170th (MEN0107) 4,662.98

Misty Croucher: 407 170th (MEN0131A) 1,338.39

L Max Schmidt: 140th (MEN0243) 679.04

Joseph P & Katie L Base: 1330 Alamo (MEN0336C) 1,889.85

MILTON

Delbert C Lowe: 2625 20th (MIL0111A) 3,216.35

Sean Michael Blansett: 604 Cemetery Lane (MIL0124A) 1,299.53

MOORE

Aaron James Thompson: 329 280th (MOR0100) 1,401.69

Gary & Delores Prieb Revocable Trust: 2535 Chisholm Trail (MOR0155) 503.33

Aaron James Thompson: (2-MOR010057 severed mineral interest) 19.02

Alexandra Grace Thompson: (2-MOR010058 severed mineral interest) 19.02

PEABODY TWP

Lyle K & Ann M Leppke Jt Living Trust: County road (PET0001) 143.03

Lyle K Leppke & Ann Leppke Jt Living Tr: County road (PET0005B) 182.89

Lyle K Leppke & Ann M Leppke Jt Liv Tr: County road (PET0005C) 297.52

Peggy Sue Unruh c/o Peabody State Bank: 1569 60th (PET0050) 21.40

Jacob D Lenz: 591 Needle (PET0060) 320.25

Lyle K Leppke & Ann M Leppke Jt Liv Tr: 1827 60th (PET0080) 773.61

RISLEY

Vision of Faith Hope & Charity Tr: 904 240th (RIS0025) 385.77

Travis A Tannahill & Dakota Tannahill: 2375 Jade (RIS0071) 8,011.92

Travis Alan Tannahill: Jade (RIS0071A) 488.33

Travis Alan Tannahill: County road (RIS0072) 280.90

Sandra Beisel Kristine Harder c/o Brenda Brown: County road (RIS0248) 945.94

SUMMIT

Aaron L Waddell: 2125 70th (SUM0017) 1,107.86

Stanley Clark Ammeter: 406 Vista (SUM0058) 1,846.65

Patrick & Candace Green H/W: 229 Wagonwheel (SUM0136A) 558.30

John C Boese: 192 Vista (SUM0190) 1,695.88

Glen Strotkamp: Rt. 1 (2-SUM0017S) 78.34

Cheryl A Rosine: (2-SUM0017S1 severed mineral interest) 78.34

Peggy Duncan c/o Kendra Mathieu: (2-SUM0098S severed mineral interest) 48.35

WEST BRANCH

Steven Siebert Meyer: County road (WBR0020) 3,133.24

Arden Voth: 359 130th (WBR0032B) 2,507.99

Nathan Hedrick & Carey Hedrick: 1227 Chisholm Trail (WBR0037A) 554.82

Corbin Ross Graber: 231 110th (WBR0224) 1,312.99

Lauren J & Christine D Flaming: 924 Chisholm Trail (WBR0317) 2,918.23

Williams Communications Inc c/o Level 3 Communications: 937 Falcon (WBR0338A) 192.85

Emory L Goertz & Marlene L Goertz Liv Tr: County road (WBR0385) 24.16

Ralph D & Christine M Bestvater: 788 Chisholm Trail (WBR0458B) 4,292.32

Christine M Bestvater Revocable Trust: County road (WBR0458BA) 105.68

WILSON

A Koshminski c/o Bonnie Brassfield: County road (WAL0007) 32.44

"Restricted": 1706 141st (WAL0043) 303.07

Laramie James Siebert: 1667 190th (WIL0022) 2,485.28

Laramie James & Rachel N Siebert H/W: County road (WIL0023A) 27.38

William Roger & Shirley A Grosse H/W: 1734 150th (WIL0185) 929.23

Lyle K Leppke & Ann M Leppke Jt Liv Tr: County road (WIL0196) 278.13

Lyle K Leppke & Ann M Leppke Jt Rev Tr: County road (WIL0204) 475.06

"Restricted": Pawnee (WIL0208) 118.34

David W McGinness Family Trust c/o Farmers National Company: County road (WIL0212) 380.98

Lyle K Leppke & Ann M Leppke Jt Liv Tr: County road (WIL0279) 150.18

Wilbur & Helen Leppke Revoc Liv Tr: County road (WIL0279A) 151.51

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Car, motorcycle crash on K-15

By PHYLLIS ZORN
Staff writer

Two people were injured Thursday when a southbound car crossed the center line on K-15 and collided with a northbound motorcycle.

Zane Alver Stephens, 18, Goessel, drove a 2002 Honda Civic into oncoming traffic north of 70th Rd. and hit a 2019 Indian Chieftain Horse motorcycle driven by Elisha Dawn Guest, 50, Newton.

Both were taken to Wes-

ley Medical Center, Wichita. Guest, who was wearing a helmet, had suspected serious injuries and was taken by Hillsboro ambulance.

Stephens, who was not wearing a seatbelt, had suspected minor injuries and was taken by Hesston ambulance.

Goessel firefighters, first to arrive at the scene, provided initial care, cleared the roadway, and directed traffic for more than an hour.

They said in a radio broad-

cast that a baby had been picked up by someone who arrived at the scene.

Fire Chief Jeremy Voth said one of Stephens' relatives had come to the scene to collect personal items from his car. The baby was in the relative's car, and another relative came to pick up the baby.

Hillsboro ambulance was called the wreck. Tampa ambulance initially was told to stand by in Hillsboro, then to report to the accident, and fi-

nally to return to Hillsboro in case there were more calls.

It remained at Hillsboro until 4:45 p.m. when Hillsboro ambulance returned and restocked.

Marion ambulance also was called but was in service only as a first response unit because only one attendant was on duty.

A helicopter ambulance initially was dispatched but was not needed.

B.L.T. to be



STAFF PHOTO BY FINN HARTNETT

Ruth Lange brandishes a 1.42-pound brandywine tomato she grew in her yard. The tomato is five inches in diameter. Lange says she grew another of similar size but has since eaten it.

ROADS: New surface fails to adhere

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but that takes a special skill to do that," she said.

She doesn't understand why blade operators didn't stop when they realized the new surface wasn't sticking.

"If it wasn't bonding the first half mile, why did they keep doing it?" Vogel asked. "If stuff is not working, why don't they stop and figure out why it's not working?"

She fears the road will need to be taken back to rock, which she would hate to see because it is much used.

Commissioner Clarke Dirks said Remington Rd. and 120th Rd. from Indigo Rd. to K-15 were micro-surfaced and blade patched about the same time.

"This is the first time they've tried to blade patch over the micro-surfacing," Dirks said. "As

far as I know, they are working with the manufacturers and trying to figure out what's going on and what the fix is."

He asked for patience and for people to use the road only when needed.

"Tell people to take it easy on Remington until we get it fixed," Dirks said. "It's something that happened that we had no idea was going to happen. All we can do is fix it. But we're not going to go out there and do it until we know we can do it right."

Commission chairman Jonah Gehring said that many of the county's roads had been micro-sealed, but that this was the first time the county had blade patched over it.

"It's pretty bad. It's rough and not sticking right," he said.

"It's definitely something that we need to get figured out."

County administrator Tina Spencer confirmed that "a contractor had been hired to perform micro-surfacing a year ago."

"This is a pavement preservation method that utilizes a polymer-modified paving system applied with specialized equipment," she said. "It is a cold-application paving system that is promoted as a high performing, lower-cost preventative maintenance method."

She conceded that the process hasn't worked the way the county hoped.

"When the county crew went out to perform blade patching last week, our normal products (an oil and cold mix) would not adhere prop-

erly to the micro surface material," she said.

The county is consulting experts to find a solution.

It is not yet known whether the solution will mean taking the road down to its previous surface for a complete re-do.

Until a solution is found, Remington will remain as it is.

"Crews have been temporarily pulled off this project until we know the correct products to use," Spencer said. "We will continue work on other scheduled roads now and return to Remington later in the season to complete the scheduled maintenance."

In the meantime, she said, road and bridges workers will smooth out the road and blade-patch troublesome areas.

DEPUTY: Officer no longer with county

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no lights," Starkey said. "He was looking for cars along the roadway. The car was in the ditch on one side, and the motorcycle was in the ditch on the other side."

Tomlinson failed to see the body because the motorcycle rider, Justin B. Williamson, 22,

Weiser, Idaho, was dressed all in black, he said.

Williamson had been attempting to pass another vehicle when his motorcycle collided head-on with a southbound 2019 Toyota Camry driven by Tina Ho, 19, Wichita. Ho declined to be taken to a hospital.

No accident report was writ-

ten for Tomlinson running over Williamson's body, Starkey said. Kansas Highway Patrol wrote an accident report for the Williamson and Ho collision.

"Tomlinson wasn't being careless," Starkey added.

According to Williamson's obituary, he was a foster child from age 9 months until he was

adopted three years later by his foster parents, Keith and Kathy Williamson.

He served in the Army and married Meah Williamson in 2023.

Their daughter, Naomi, was born in March, 2024, and the couple were expecting another child in January.

BEETLES: Light attracts them

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The Phyllophaga population has indeed been high this summer, Cloyd said. In fact, the beetles are causing more damage to local trees than ever.

"This is the first year we've

seen extensive damage caused by adults," he said. "The numbers have been great, possibly due to environmental conditions in the soil."

The trees will get a respite later this month. Females will go underground to lay eggs,

adults will die off, and a new Phyllophaga cycle will begin.

Phyllophaga are harmless to people, but if you want to keep them away from your home, keep your porch light off and use screens on your windows.

"Eventually they'll go away," Cloyd said. "They're not a major problem unless they're feeding on your oaks or your other plants. I would just let them go through their cycle."

HILLSBORO: Fire station questioned

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building at 120 E Grand Ave, and for the police to take its place.

"You turn this way it's the cops, you turn this side it's city hall," he said.

Hiebert stressed the need to recruit young officers.

Duane McCarty is retiring early next year. Three more, including Hiebert, plan to retire within a decade.

Hiebert proposed raising wages or transitioning the department onto the more lucrative Kansas Police and Firemen's Retirement System, which Marion uses for its officers, to lure in applicants.

The Kansas Public Employee Retirement System requires employers to put an extra 9.71% of an employee's wages into a pension.

Under the Police and Fire system, that number is 24.67%.

An online troll joined

the city's video call halfway through the council meeting.

"End this meeting now," the disembodied voice said before rattling off a string of vulgar words and slurs.

City administrator Matt Stiles kicked the perpetrator out of the video call.

Hillsboro previously was targeted at a March 4 council meeting.

"This is only the second time in the five years since we've been online," Stiles said. "I don't know what their deal is. There were eight more of them in the waiting room."

In other city business, the council approved issuance of revenue bonds of up to \$3 million to Salem Home to install a new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system at the nursing home.

"Currently, they have an old boiler system that is very antiquated," Thurston said.



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